

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

HQ FILE: 100-50869

SECTION 12



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 5, 1961

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 28, with enclosures, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Consequently, it will not be possible for me to comply with your wishes with respect to the organization you mentioned.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic citizens must continue to take a firm stand against communism and must combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive. In discussing communism, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan dealt with the subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy.

In the event they may be of assistance, I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on this subject which you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,
W. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4) Next page.

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EX 104

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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Enclosures

**Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
Christianity Today series
4-17-61 statement**

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent, and editorial ticklers reflect cordial correspondence with "The Shreveport Times." With regard to the quotations on the cover of the publication, "Has The Methodist Church Gone Mad?" the first quotation attributed to the Director was taken from page 12 from the Director's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947. The other quotation was taken from the middle of page 2 of the copy of the Director's remarks on April 22, 1954, before the Continental Congress of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. One of the enclosures sent in by correspondent mentions Chief Inspector W. C. Sullivan, to whom she refers in her letter as an official of the FBI.

By [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

*Community Ticklers -
Trinity Methodist Church,
16 Valley and East 41st Street,
New York, N.Y.*

April 28th. 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Will you please clarify for me your opinion of the N. C. C. & if you still think that the Churches are being infiltrated by the Communists? I left my church (Methodist) two years ago because it continued to support their radical Bishops, such as Oxnam, & the N. C. C. Now they are telling their people that an F. B. I. official says "The N. C. C. & churches are not infiltrated" How can we know what to believe if you tell us one thing (samples enclosed) & your men say something else - Of course they didnt give the officials name but you can ask for it & they would have to tell you or expose their bluff. This should be refuted officially if this isnt so. We need help to clean up this & other abuses such as our Church literature. Thank you for giving this your attention.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

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CORRESPONDENCE

April 28th 1961

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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Malone
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan
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- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

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Sincerely

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/4/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (94-227)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE TOURS)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHARITIES
Rebulet to Dallas, 4/27/61.

[REDACTED] Attorney, offices at [REDACTED] was contacted 5/2/61 by SA [REDACTED] of this office. [REDACTED] was advised that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

[REDACTED] was advised that you had made no comments regarding the Bureau's having no record of subversive employees of the organization of which he inquired in his letter to you dated 4/18/61.

[REDACTED] stated that he realized the confidential nature of the Bufiles and realized the contents thereof cannot be made available to the public since they are confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and are available for official use only.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked May 1, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. There is no charge for any of the material which this Bureau is privileged to distribute to the public.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
4-17-61 Statement
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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Dear Sirs:

Would you please send me any information concerning communist leanings in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Also any ministerial leanings in that direction. I would truly appreciate anything you have available on the matter and will gladly send any remittance necessary.

Thank you very much.

In the service of Christ,

[Redacted signature]

P.S. Do you have anything concerning Baptist leaders?

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any information concerning communist
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of Churches of Christ in the USA.

Also any ministerial leanings in
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mittance necessary.

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Thank you very much.

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In the service of Christ,

[REDACTED]

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P.S. Do you have anything con-
cerning Baptist leaders?

May 4, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 28, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated. In response to your inquiry, my position in this matter has not changed and the statement which I furnished in my letter to [REDACTED] is as true today as when I wrote to him on February 3, 1951.

I hope that this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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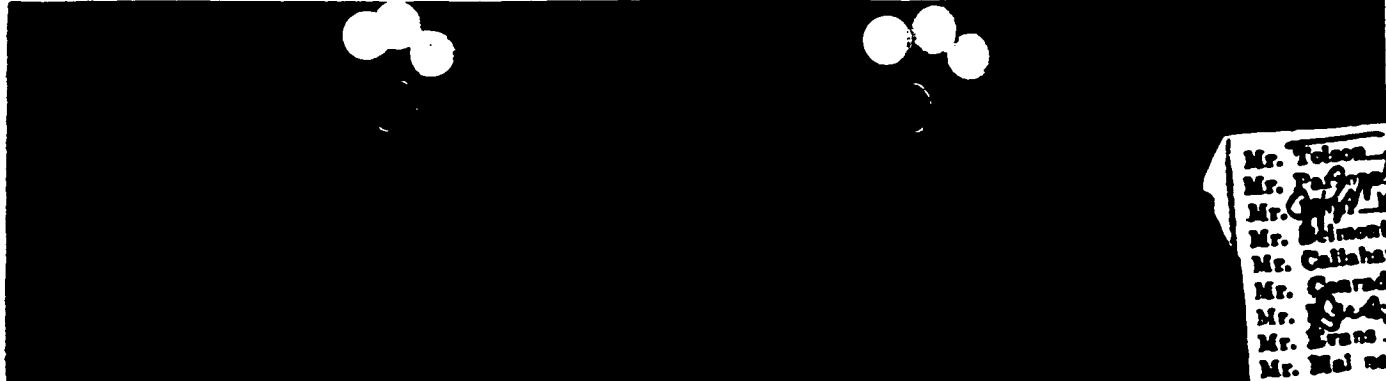
NOTE: The letter to [REDACTED] concerned a statement of the Director's published in a pamphlet, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches," in which the Director was quoted out of context.

[REDACTED]

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April 28, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington 25, D. C.

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(initials)

My dear Mr. Hoover:

On several occasions in recent years I have quoted your letter to [redacted] written on February 3, 1951, in reference to the National Council of Churches.

I am aware that this letter was written ten years ago, and I am therefore inquiring whether it still represents your attitude. I would not wish to quote you unfairly.

I am an official representative of the [redacted] Church to the National Council of Churches and have worked in that organization since its inception.

May I say that I am writing to you for my personal information. I shall not use your reply publicly in any way without your express permission.

I take it that as a Bishop of the [redacted] Church I need not add that I am in no way a sympathizer with Communism and that I am deeply concerned to strengthen our American democracy.

With kindest regards to you personally, I am

Faithfully,
 [redacted signature block]

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May 2, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

The letters from you and your husband dated April 23, 1961, have been received.

While I would like to be of service, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have in our files data regarding the organizations you mentioned.

Your grave concern over communism is understandable, and your desire to learn more about this conspiracy is reassuring. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended as a basic text on this subject, and I am pleased that you have found it useful. I am enclosing some literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Menace, Red Goals and Christian Ideals
4-17-61 Statement

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May 2, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
c/o Justice Department
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoovers:

Are our honest, well-meaning, sincere ministers be-
by the National Council of Churches?

Can the John Birch Society be so dangerous to our way of
government that it requires more watching at this time than
communism?

I certainly don't think so and I wish our ministers didn't!

I would like to relax and have faith in the National Council
of Churches, but I'm afraid to! Is the council infiltrated
by communists?

I am learning much from your "Masters of Deceit".

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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April 23, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
% The Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have been alerted to the daggers of communism in the past few months. However, we are concerned that in the process of fighting communism the ideals, standards and republican concepts on which our country is founded may be subverted.

Because of this I would like to ask you some questions.

1. Recently the National Council of Churches has become a controversial organization. Do you think that it has been duped by communism? If this is your belief I would appreciate it if you would furnish me with ~~ix~~ your reasons.
2. The John Birch Society is also controversial. I would appreciate it if you would make a clear, concise statement to me concerning this society.

I have asked these questions because I ~~ix~~ feel that we must have confidence in our leaders. If we are not able to trust these leaders we must remove them. We trust your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 1, 1961.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir -

I am writing you in regard^o to the National Council of Churches. Our church denomination is a Member of this organization, and recently I have heard it isn't much more than a front for communism.

We certainly do not want to help the communists spread their Anti- God literature, so will you please give me any information you can about this so called religious organization.

Respectfully,
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Respectfully,

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May 5, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

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May 9, 1961

Gentlemen,

I'm presently contributing to the National Council of Churches. There are several programs each day on the radio where people are allowed to call in and express opinions. These people, on several occasions have strongly insinuated that this organization is Communist infiltrated. Would it be possible to obtain your opinion about this situation? I certainly do not wish to contribute to any organization that has anything to do with Communism.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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May 3, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 24, 1961, has been received, and we want to thank you for your best wishes.

The motives prompting your writing me are appreciated, and I am glad to know of your interest in combating communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines which you may find pertinent at this time.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your specific inquiry, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

In response to the second question you have raised, the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the FBI took no part in its preparation. I have not, therefore, as a matter of policy, made any comment relative to its contents. May I suggest that you consider contacting the Committee directly in this connection in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4) Director's Statement 4-17-61
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: Bitter enemy of Religion
Series from "Christianity Today"

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April 24, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with great difficulty I write this letter. It is my first such letter, and comes out of great concern. I realize, too, that you receive many, many such letters, daily. Not with the same request perhaps, but always with questions....Because of our great concern for our beloved country, and our way of life.

I am so distressed, and angry, that we have so many people today who find the clergy and Churches so vulnerable. And, since it seems that one can get away with drawing blood - another takes up the picking away at the wound until there is no healing. Only history will prove them wrong. In the meantime our people are distressed, confused, for in some instances they believe what is being said. You are well aware of all this....

Of course, we realize that a great revival of strength and a new belief in the Church can arise from all this. However don't you find that we are all impatient? Can you, and will you please, answer some questions for me? I feel that by this time your answers will be in a mimeographed form, as you cannot answer every letter personally. That will be all right. I will feel it an honor to have a letter from you in any form. For I feel at this point that your office is the only source of truth, and strength, that speaks with authority in this day.

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First, do you have anything that will ~~may~~ ^{help} ~~remove~~ the accusation that so many members of the National Council of Churches are communist? or, that NCC is a communist front? ~~The Disciple of Christ~~, of which I am a member, is a member of this protestant group.

Second, Will you tell me whether or not "Operation Abolition" is a documented film, and by whom. Did you endorse the film if so,

I am asked these questions, over and over, as I serve on the state board of our women's work. Will lead a discussion group at our Second Quadrennial Assembly being held at Purdue, in Indiana in July...Please help me...and God bless you in your work.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tol
Mr. Par
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Mr. Hall
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4/22/61

Mr. J. Quinter Miller
Assistant General Secretary
National Council of the Churches of Christ
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N.Y.

D. N. Lewis

Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your letter of March 7 dealing with the stand of your organ against the validity of the film "Operation Abolition" and advising against its showing.

My delay in answering you results from my personal research on the matter to come into possession of all possible facts.

Your council has intimated that this film is not based on truth and is distorted. For your information, I list the following:

The following persons have stated that the student uprising in San Francisco against the investigations of the House Committee on Un-American Activities was Communist directed and inspired: Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco, J. Edgar Hoover, Judge Albert A. Axelrod (presiding judge at the San Francisco municipal court where those arrested at the uprising had to appear), Dave Hope, reporter for the Oakland Tribune.

If that is not enough, seven Baptist ministers from the San Francisco Bay area were at the actual hearings, and they issued the following joint statement which appeared on May 17, 1960 in the Foothill Baptist Church publication:

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"...We sat in the rear of the room on a raised platform where we could easily observe the proceedings, right in the midst of student demonstrators. We studied the crowd carefully for hours and could easily discern which were the masterminds of the mob riots. It is our certain conviction that this indefensible demonstration against law and order was conceived, planned and directed by a few hard-core Communist agitators who were carrying out their textbook orders on insurrection with classic success...."

It is interesting to note that not only did the Foothill Baptist Church issue a strong condemnation of your council's action in refuting the validity of "Operation Abolition" but the members of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco voted for withdrawal of their church from affiliation with your group.

Obviously the National Council of Churches of Christ is not representing its membership reputed to be forty million Protestants of various denominations. In fact it is not representing patriotic Americans at all, nor is it upholding the torch of Christianity which it supposedly represents by lending its support to atheistic Communism.

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You may be sure that the publication you mentioned "Some Facts Concerning 'Operation Abolition'" dealing with your stand against "Operation Abolition" will be described by Communist and Communist-front organizations for furtherance of their goals.

It is to be hoped and prayed for that every good Christian and patriotic American will withdraw any present support of your council.

J. Edgar Hoover

Yours truly,

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April 27, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 19 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

In response to the matter you discussed, you may be able to secure a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your local library. On pages 324 through 326 you will find a full discussion of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate religious groups. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record of correspondent located in Bufiles. Reply to response of correspondent concerned with religion of churches and combating communism answered as Chief Inspector Sullivan has stated in recent speeches on subject. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant Churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support the assertions, have claimed this group is communist-controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the (NCCC). (100-50869)

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Miss Gandy

April 19, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Several independent publications have come to my attention which suggest the possibility of extensive Communist organization within American Churches. The publications suggest that the National Council of Churches and several major protestant denominations have been infiltrated or duped by the Communist.

As a minister of a protestant Church which is a member of the National Council of Churches, I would like to know to what extent your office feels our American Churches have been infiltrated by Communist. Also I would like to know if I have been wrong, in your opinion, in thinking that the American Churches, by in large, are fighting Communist ideals.

I will greatly appreciate any help your office can give me in understanding this situation.

Faithfully yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: 4/27/61

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

SUBJECT: CHINESE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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Re Tokyo letters to the Bureau 4/13/60, 7/29/60
and 3/27/61.



If any further information of pertinence is received by the Tokyo Office, the Bureau will be advised.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the statement attributed to me in your letter is not true. It has always been my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. With this in mind, the FBI prepared "Communist Target--Youth," which is a detailed account of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party, USA, in the California demonstrations. An analysis of this report will show that it does not cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat and, armed with that understanding, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

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In order that you may have full background in this matter, I am enclosing a copy of "Communist Target--Youth."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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 Miss Gandy

April 19, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

In a report by the National Council of Churches, you were quoted as saying that there was no subversive activity connected with the student demonstrations on May 12, 13, and 14, 1959 in San Francisco.

We, as interested students, would appreciate a correct evaluation of the situation. Most sources have proven to be unreliable in reporting the issues and the true nature of the events in San Francisco.

Any information concerning this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 20, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I have made no statement relative to the group you named since the functions and responsibilities of the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer, however, in this connection that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the group in question.

Enclosed is the material you requested and another statement of possible interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Hoover's address to the American Legion 1960

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA

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April 20, 1961

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send your "Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA," "J. Edgar Hoover's address to the American Legion 1960," "Expose of Soviet Espionage May 1960," "Communist Target—Youth,"

☉ I believe I heard that you have also prepared a vindication of the National Council of Churches from the accusation of Communist infiltration. I would be very happy to see this. ✓

Has your bureau prepared similar documents or urged a caution in regard to the extreme right-wing activities as it has about the dangers from the far left?

Sincerely,
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 17, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. Information in FBI files, furthermore, is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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~~What You Can Do To Fight Communism~~

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~~Director's speech of 10-10-60~~

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

TRUE COPY

April 17, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I realize that this may be highly irregular and this may seem trivial to you. It is of extreme importance to me, and I'm sure, to you too, sir, if you are a Christian.

Being a Christian, I have become much concerned about just what is the truth about the so-called findings of the Un-American Activities Comittie on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and the deal on the Air Force Manual a year or so ago.

I have been able to secure some information about it, but I realize that the sources of this information may be much prejudiced against the N. C. C. C. & W. C. C. C.

I have always respected you greatly and felt that your honesty was above question, therefore I felt that if I was to get the truth, it certainly would be from you, sir (Whatever it may be).

If it is possible to secure these reports or any information regarding this situation, I would be very much indebted to you if you would help me.

I am especially interested in the members, past and present, of the N. C. C. C. and the W. C. C. C. etc. who were allegedly cited as being affiliated with organizations which are contrary or subversive to our government and the American way of life.

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Very Respectfully yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director
Washington, D.C.

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Very Respectfully Yours,

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1 - Mr. Gurley

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April 27, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated April 22, 1961, and your kind comments are appreciated.

Your awareness of the dangers of communism and your desire to know more about organizations to which you lend your support are understandable; however, I trust you can appreciate my inability to be of assistance in this regard. The prescribed functions of the FBI as an investigative agency do not permit this Bureau to draw conclusions nor make evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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April 22, 1961

Dear Sirs,

Our church is in quite a controversy nearly to the point of splitting up over the "communism in the churches." Would you please help us to learn the truth about these organizations. Can you give me documentary proof that there are communist associated men in the National Council of Churches, and the same kind of proof that communist associated men helped to translate the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Also would like to know if this radio preacher Mackintirs and Amen Charlie from Kollingswood N. J. and their American Council of Christian Churches are completely free of any communist affiliation. Now Im asking your available proof as we already have booklets on both councils and both claim to be free of communism.

Mr. Hoover, as ordinary citizens please accept our high praise for your work, and our thanks. I would like an answer from you as soon as possible as it may save our church. We want to fight this evil communism too but to let it break up a church without real proof of who is right is a bad thing. If the National Council is promoting communism then we will withdraw from that council. Thank you so much.

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ack 4-27-61
 Mr. Hoover

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SAC, Dallas

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Director, FBI

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RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received at the Bureau. You are requested to designate an Agent to contact [REDACTED] acknowledge his letter, and point out to him that the files of this Bureau are confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and are available for official use only. Further, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Advise him that in view of the above I have made no comments regarding our having no record of subversive employees of the organization about which he inquired.

A search of Bufiles could not disclose the letter dated 2-3-51 from me which is mentioned in his communication.

Furnish the results of your contact to reach the Bureau no later than 5-8-61 under the above caption.

Enclosure

Keller per 5/9/61 incoming from Dallas sub-8

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SAC, Dallas

Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and advised him that the Director could not inject himself into matters of legislation .

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC (100-50869).

Follow-up made for 5-8-61.

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April 18, 1961.

Mr. Tolson
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 Mr. Casper
 Mr. Callahan
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 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. Tele. Rm.
 Mr. Holmes
 Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

As you probably know there are many charges and counter-charges being bandied about in general terms accusing organizations of being Communistic or Facistic:

Edgar C. Bundy, Church League of America, has insisted that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is infiltrated with Communist subversives, but without naming the specific persons. He recently sent me a purported quote from Richard Arens, Chief Counsel for the House UnAmerican Activities, as follows:

"Thus far (Jan. 25, 1960) the leadership of the National Council of Churches of America we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacities with either Communistic front records or records of service to Communistic Causes."

On April 14th, 1961, in Fort Worth, Texas before a convention of Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) a Mr. Wilbur C. Parry, Asst. Genl. Secretary of National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. said we have a letter from J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI dated Feb. 3, 1951, saying that he has no record of any subversive employees of the National Council of Church. And later confirmation of such statement."

Can you confirm or deny either of the above statements? If so can you give me the names of any such persons referred to by Mr. Arens. Mr. Are was written April 6th but has not replied.

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There seems to be an effort on the part of some organizations to destroy the public's faith in their churches and their governmental officials. I've no doubt from reading your book "Masters of Deceit" that the Communists are trying to infiltrate all phases of American Life, but I hate to take stock in unverified accusations. I would appreciate it very much, if you could set me straight on the two above conflicting statements.

Very truly yours,

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1 - Mr. Gurley

April 26, 1961

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EX-130

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated April 18, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization, or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing, however, a list of organizations designated by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and some literature concerning the menace of Communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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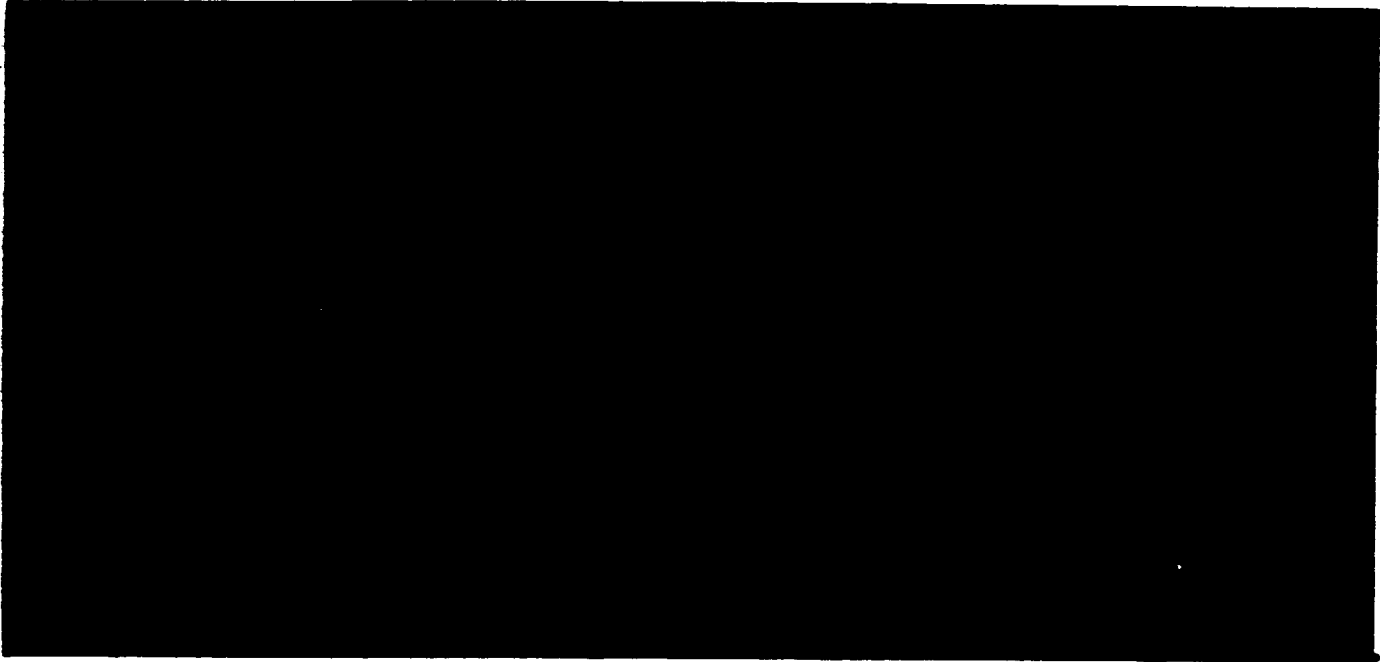
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NOTE TO SAC, ALBANY:

There is attached hereto one copy of a letter from correspondent wherein he states that he has been selected to participate in a US-USSR student exchange trip.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.



The National Council of Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigation of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-5089)

This is being furnished for your information.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

A copy is being designated to Albany because subject indicates possible travel abroad.

The following items of literature are being sent to the correspondent in addition to the list of organizations designated under EO 10450:

1. "Internal Security - Statement of Director dated 4-17-61"
2. "Communist Target - Youth"
3. "God and Country or Communism"
4. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"

April 18, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I was selected to participate this summer in a US-USSR Student Exchange Trip, in a group sponsored by the Ecumenical Voluntary Service of the National Student Christian Federation, a movement related to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The trip, "an educational travel tour," runs from June 26 to September 5. It is part of the formal cultural exchange between the government of the USSR and the U.S. State Department.

I have several questions about this Exchange, which I would appreciate your answering.

1. Is the National Student Christian Federation "pink" or has it ever been suspected of Communist leanings?
2. Is the NSCF listed on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations, has it ever been so listed, or considered for listing?
3. Similarly, is the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. "pink" or has it ever been suspected of Communist leanings?
4. Has the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. ever been on the Attorney General's list, or considered for such listing?
5. Does your knowledge of these organizations indicate that this program has sound and reliable sponsorship?
6. Do you approve of this US-USSR Exchange, or are there reservations you would indicate in recommending participation in such a program?

Thank you for your information and assistance.

Very truly yours,

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1 - Mr. Gurley

April 26, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated April 15, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization, or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am enclosing some literature concerning communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.

Correspondent advises that his church is a member of the National Council of Churches and that information he has received indicates that communist or communist sympathizers are among the top leaders of the National Council of Churches and have been swaying the policies of that church group. He desires to obtain as many facts about the situation as possible and feels that as an American citizen he is entitled to information which the FBI may have pertinent to this problem. He pointed out that his minister publicly denounced the San Francisco film concerning the Committee on Un-American Activities. (Apparently he refers to "Operation Abolition.")

The film "Operation Abolition" was prepared and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the FBI had nothing to do with its preparation.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau.

We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA; it does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

1. "Internal Security"- Statement of Director 4-17-61"
2. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
3. "Communist Target - Youth"
4. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"

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April 15, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The more or less recent information that I have been getting from my church in regard to Communism could be outlined as follows:

1. That National Defense -- or any preparation for war -- is Anti-Christian, and we should actively work toward doing away with any such effort. That even if invaded, we should not resist with force.
2. That any efforts such as the Committee on Un-American Affairs -- or the film of the students that rioted in San Francisco -- are a threat to the American way of life, and a path that could lead us into being as evil as Communism itself. Our minister publicly denounced the San Francisco film as being so twisted that it is unfit for public showing.
3. That our country is a nation of corruption, growing worse, growing farther from God daily.
4. That Capitalism has exploited mankind too long. That any system motivated by "Profits", the way that ours is, is about as Un-Christian as it can get, and there should be some economic changes made.
5. That our great weapon against Communism is prayer and to convert Communists into Christianity.
6. That the above mentioned ideas are sanctioned and encouraged by the National Council of Churches.

This church is Methodist, and a member of the National Council of Churches. I have been reading several booklets lately that intimate that the N.C.C. has Communists or Communist sympathizers among its top leaders,

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To: J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I.
April 15, 1961

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and as such, they have been swaying the policies of that church group.

I want to get as many of the facts about this situation as I can. You represent one of the best sources of information that I know of. I believe that as an American Citizen, I'm entitled to information you may have pertinent to this problem. I am not looking for information to bring discredit to the churches of this country, but if Communism is creeping into the church -- then this information should not be withheld.

Respectfully,

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/12/61

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Transmitted herewith is a pamphlet entitled "SHOULD YOU BE DISTURBED?" This pamphlet was made available to SA _____ by _____ who stated that the pamphlet was being distributed by _____ and _____.

The informant was of the opinion that the Committee For Individual Responsibility, who allegedly compiled this pamphlet, is a front for the John Birch Society. It will be noted that _____ husband of _____ one of the alleged distributors, is one of the leaders of the John Birch Society. It will be noted that the pamphlet is in general an attack on the National Council of Churches and alleges that this organization is communist infiltrated. In this regard there is a reference to the book, "Masters of Deceit" by the Director.

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On April 5, 1961, _____ Office, of the Post Master, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that Post Office Box 6603 is rented by _____.

This material is submitted for information purposes and no action is being taken by the Memphis Division UACB.

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Is Your Church a Member of The National Council of Churches?

Members listed as of the National Council Churches:

- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- African Methodist Epis. Zion Church
- AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION (Northern Baptists)
- AMERICAN EVANGEL. LUTHERAN CHURCH
- Armenian Church of North America (diocese)
- Augustana Evangel. Lutheran Church
- Church of the Brethren
- CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (Disciples of Christ) Internat. Convention
- Christian Methodist Epis. Church
- Evangelical United Brethren Church
- Evangelical Unity of the Czck. Moravian Brethren of N. America
- Five Years Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
- Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of N. and South America
- Hungarian Reformed Church in America
- NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION U.S.A., INC.
- THE METHODIST CHURCH
- Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum)
- National Baptist Convention of America
- Polish National Catholic Church of America—this is "old Catholic" and
in communion with the Amer. Episcopal Church
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.
- EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.
- Reformed Church in America
- Roumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
- Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church
- Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America
- Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- Seventh Day Baptists, General Conference
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
- Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
- United Lutheran Church in America
- UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.

Does the NCC Speak for Protestantism on Social and Political Issues?

Time and again the NCC has posed itself as the voice of Protestantism. This was not or is not a power they were given, have earned, or even have. But, they make the voice known—supposedly as the representation of 38,000,000 Protestants.

Too often, the NCC or its committees pass resolutions or make stands that are too far to the "left" for most Americans to accept. Among these are:

1. Recognition of Communist China by the U.S.
2. Admission of Communist China to U.N.
3. Progress toward universal disarmament by multilateral agreement (i.e. U.N.)
(Note: This makes our armed forces subject to the Russian veto.)
4. Abolishment of military conscription and allow Selective Service to lapse.
5. They lobbied against and defeated the Bricker Amendment which would make it unlawful to make treaties that were in violation of the U.S. Constitution.
6. They advocated repeal of the McCarran Act that prevents known Communists and other undesirables from immigrating to the U.S.
7. They took a stand against "Right to Work" laws saying they were un-Christian.
8. They would do away with the House Un-American Activities Committee.
9. They favor repealing the Connally Reservation which permits the United States to determine for itself what are domestic issues for the United States rather than leaving this jurisdiction to the World Court. This could lead to our losing the control of the Panama Canal, change in our tariff policies, etc.
10. They favor Federal Aid to Education which would deprive us even more of our freedom.
11. They favor the Forand Bill which would bring socialized medicine.
12. They are strong on the liberal viewpoints on integration.
13. They demand more and more foreign aid to other countries.

The National Council of Churches goes all out for the "One World", "One Court", "One Church" idea. In economics they take the extreme liberal and socialistic viewpoint toward sharing the wealth, socialized medicine, government control. They publish booklets and pamphlets for study by church groups giving their viewpoints on these subjects, thereby leading the readers to believe that this is God's will.

Ref.: WHY ONE CHURCH'S CONSCIENCE SPOKE OUT AGAINST
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE
U.S.A.

For the N.C.C. to deny that Communism has infiltrated into some churches is pure stupidity. This is a matter of fact and numerous ministers have admitted their communistic affiliations. The Communist have announced this as one of their goals.

Ref.: Masters of Deceit Chapter 23
J. Edgar Hoover

HERBERT PHILBRICK, author of "I Led Three Lives," and for nine years an undercover agent for the F.B.I. said, "We are losing the fight for freedom—there are more names of ministers than any other profession on the list of communist supporters in this country."

The National Council of Churches does not advocate any theology except the recognition of Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior. It does not ask for personal acceptance of Jesus Christ, but lets each church determine upon what foundation a person becomes a Christian. But, many of the leaders and theologians most prominent in the NCC are liberal in their theology. Here are some of the beliefs of this hierarchy.

1. The Bible is a mythology.
2. Jesus was sinful.
3. Jesus was not God.
4. They do not believe in substitutionary atonement.
5. They do not believe in Hell.
6. They do not believe in the Virgin Birth.
7. They do not believe in the Second Coming of Christ.

For more information you can study the books of:

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam
Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr
Dr. Paul Tillich

Sources for Study Material

Many churches have asked for sources of information to conduct studies of their own on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. Listed below are some of the more prominent ones. There are many others. It is a common practice of the NCC to attack the individual or the organization issuing such reports and to label them Apostles of Discord. However, in practically every instance, you will find that the facts presented have been verified and have not been challenged for authenticity.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- "Uncertain Trends"—Congressional Record, Speech of March 3, 1960, by the Hon. Donald L. Jackson, U. S. House of Representatives, United States Printing Office, Washington, D. C.
- "Testimony of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam" before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., July 21, 1953.
- "Organized Communism in the United States"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., August 19, 1953.
- "100 Things You Should Know About Communism"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., May 14, 1951 pamphlet. On page 29 there is a section devoted to "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."
- "Issues Presented by Air Reserve Center Training Manual" Hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States Printing Office, Washington, D. C., February 25, 1960.
- "The American Negro in the Communist Party"—Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., December 22, 1954, pamphlet.
- "Annual Report 1955"—Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., January 11, 1956.
- "Communism," a reading list of 56 informative publications available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

- "The Chairman's Final Report to the National Law Committee of the NCC," by J. Howard Fow, 1958, Walnut St. Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.
- "The Powers That Be," by Edmund A. Ortiz, case studies of the Church in Politics, Foundation for Social Research, 1521 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 17, California.
- "Authority and Power in the Free Church Tradition," by Paul M. Harrison, A social case study of the American Baptist Convention, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey.
- "Why Our Church's Conscience Spoke Against The N.C.C. of Christ in the U.S.A.," First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

ARTICLES

- "NCC Conference Plans Recognition of Red China"—page 25, Dec. 8, 1958 Christianity Today, 1014 Washington Building, Washington 25, D. C.
- "NCC Hood Plucks Red China's Case in Furze"—page 27, Feb. 1, 1960 Christianity Today, 1014 Washington Building, Washington 25, D. C.
- "NCC World Order Policy Softens on Red China"—Editorial, page 23 and 29, "Greek Orthodox Church on WCC", page 31 and 32, Christianity Today, December 22, 1958.
- "The Communists Are After Your Church"—by Herbert A. Philbrick, a reprint of a Christian Herald article, Christian Herald, 27 East 29th St., New York 16, New York.
- "Do We Need a Protestant Separation of Church and State?"—by Daniel A. Pelling, May 1959, Christian Herald, 27 East 29th St., New York 16, New York.
- "The Church and Politics"—by John Howard Fow in May 5, 1960, Human Events, 400 First St. S.E., Washington 3, D. C.
- "Bible and Our Churches"—by J. R. Matthews, in July, 1953 American Mercury, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, New York.
- "Southern Conference Educational Fund"—by Fabian Lewis Jr., March 31, 1960, Human Events, 400 East First St. S.E., Washington 3, D. C.
- "The National Council of Churches"—Economic Council Letter No. 648, Oct. 1, 1958, National Economic Council for Empire State Bldg., New York 1, New York.
- "Statement of Union Membership as a Condition of Employment", Department of Church and Economic Life, Division of Christian Life and Work, The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 277 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

ORGANIZATION, PUBLICATION OR INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN
SUPPLY VARIOUS MATERIAL ON THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Manassas Friends, 488 First Street S.E., Washington 3, D.C.
Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 46 Avenue, Cincinnati 2, Ohio
Robert A. Peabody, National Layman's Council of Church Leagues of America, 1487 Hill Avenue,
Wheaton, Illinois
Church Leagues of America, 1487 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois
The Emma Edwards, P.O. Box 9611, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14, Texas
American's Forum, Inc., 540 Main Street, New Rochelle, N.Y.
[National Council] of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wis.
Allen Bradley Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Ask for "Will You Be Free To Celebrate Christmas
In The Future?")
Miss M. Harlow, 5172 E. Harry, Wichita, Kansas. (Ask for letter from Walter Swisher commending the
NCC on its labor policies.)
Christian Crusade, P.O. Box 977, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Dr. E. F. Weber, P.O. Box 1104, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
The Southern Presbyterian Journal, Waverlyville, North Carolina
Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Box 870, Long Beach 1, California
John Lewis, Jr., Mutual Broadcasting Co., Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

For specific information on the political and social viewpoint of the
National Council of Churches, write to the National Council of Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and
ask for material on the subject you desire.

Actions taken by The N. C. C. at General Assembly Meeting in San Francisco, December - 1960

1. Adopted a \$15,704,400 (m) budget for 1961, including \$2,365,000 for shipping surplus food and other aid to needy areas overseas.
2. Praised the clergymen and citizens of New Orleans who have upheld the "worth of every individual, without regard to race or color" in the face of "rising hysteria and mob violence" against school integration.

3. Advocated "responsible and democratic labor organization" among the nation's million migratory farm workers to raise their wages and sub-standard living conditions.

4. Heard a comprehensive report from foreign missionaries, charging American apathy to oppression in other lands contributed to communist inroads in Cuba and elsewhere. They urged support for reform struggles in backward areas.

5. Asked God's blessing on president-elect John F. Kennedy and vice president-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, praying that they be guided by God's will to lead the country in "paths of peace and justice for all mankind."

6. Condemned state and local laws barring aid to dependent children because of illegitimate birth.

7. Urged strengthening of the United Nations as "power for peace among nations," and said Americans should be ready to accept the fact it may sometime—through its democratic processes—override the will of the United States.

8. Call for "pioneering programs" by this country to heed God's command and share our wealth of technical knowledge and farm surpluses to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

9. Appealed for an end to discrimination in employment against Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people, Indians, Jews, and Americans of oriental descent.

10. Recommended a continuing "dialogue with Roman Catholics" on religious liberty and other church matters.

11. Re-elected Dr. Roy G. Ross, as council's general secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Edwin Espy, as associate general secretary.

12. Urged aid to Cuban refugees in Florida.

13. Weighed a report on the "state of the churches" during the present period "the most cataclysmic in a recorded history," and declaring the churches "dare not proceed on a business-as-usual basis."

14. Elected Miller, a scholarly 51-year-old multimillionaire who teaches Sunday school in his hometown of Columbus, Ind., as the first layman to lead the council in its 10-year history.

Ref. Reprinted from December 11, 1960 Nashville Tennessean.

Compiled by Committee for Individual Responsibility

Reprints of this pamphlet 10 cents each. Write: P. O. Box 6603 Nashville 12, Tenn.

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March 23, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 16, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me. It was good of you to give me the benefit of your observations and comments, and I assure you that I readily understand your grave concern over the menace of communism.

Although I would like to be of service to you with respect to your inquiries, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned in your communication.

Please accept my thanks for your generous expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI, and for your prayers. I am enclosing some literature which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Correspondent's enclosure (self-addressed stamped envelope)
- Director's Speech 10-18-60 The American Legion
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Communist Target--Youth
- Series from Christianity Today

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Letter to [REDACTED]

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NOTE: Nothing was located in Bufiles which was identifiable with correspondent. The World Council of Churches of Christ is allegedly composed of a number of christian churches throughout the world with the exception of the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization. The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC), but we are keeping abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CP, USA) to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869) Correspondent's enclosure was a self-addressed stamped envelope; being returned.

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March 16, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a young Presbyterian Seminary student serving an internship on the plains of Nebraska. I have been quite disturbed recently at the amount of literature put out charging Communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and the leaders of these groups. My youthful idealism reacts against these charges.

Sir, could you please tell me whom to believe, these fundamentalists or the respected church leaders? The people in the towns that I serve are as bewildered as I. Two weeks ago we had a speaker at our church along with the film "Operation Abolition" and he condemned the above groups and everyone else who didn't agree with him and his fundamentalist theology.

It sickens me to think that some ministers might be Communists, and so I, in defense, question the integrity of the fundamentalist groups making the charges. But if these charges are true, I would like to know about it and try to do something to correct it.

Mr. Hoover, I respect you and the work you have done very much. An answer from you concerning the above would be greatly appreciated by me and many of my other friends in the ministry.

May God continue to bless you in the work you are doing for our country.

Sincerely,

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April 24, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 17, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I can readily understand your concern, I cannot be of assistance to you since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters about which you inquired.

I am enclosing some material concerning the general subject of communism which you may like to read, and in response to your request, I am forwarding under separate cover 12 copies of the specific item you mentioned. Please accept my thanks for your generous expression of confidence in the work being performed by the FBI and for your prayers.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures

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4-17-61 statement by Director re Internal Security

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

10-18-60 speech of Director

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist-controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

April 17, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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I am deeply concerned about the Communist's infiltration into every phase of our American life - especially the Naive members of our Methodist Church.

In your files do you have any record concerning the present leadership of the National Council of Churches? If so - What?

Could you send me the objectives as set out by the N. CC or affirm that they are the same as those listed in the article "Oppose the National Council of Churches" by August W Brustat, appearing in the October 1960 issue of the American Mercury Magazine?

Do you agree with his suggestion on deliberate action we must take?

Can you send me the N. C. C. recommended book list?

These names appear in "Recognize Red China?" circulated by Circuit Riders-Inc. 18 E. Fourth St. Cincinnati 2, Ohio. What "Red front" connections do they have?

- Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg - Pres. N. CC?
- Rev. Roy G. Ross - Gen. Sec. of N. C. C.
- Rev. R H. Edwin Espy - Associate Gen Sec. N. CC.
- Bishop G. Bromley Oxman - Vice Pres. NCC?
- Wenifred L. Chappell - Sec. Methodist Federation for Social Service -
- Rev. Edgar N. Jackson - Methodist Federation of Social Action
- Thelma Stevens - Executive Sec. W. S. C. S- *an*
- Dorothy McConnell - editor "World Outlook".
- Jameson Jones - Editor - "Motive" Magazine
- Ralph W. Sockman - Pres. Board of World Peace
- A. J. Muste - Presbyterian Clergyman.

You are the one person I can quote and no one questions the facts you state.

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You have written so many fine articles. Where can I order copies to give out to our various church and civic organizations?

I need 12 copies, of all three series, of your article on the Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals; Communist Propaganda and the Christian Pulpit and Soviet Rule or Christian Renewal? I would like to place these in the hands of every minister of our churches here in [REDACTED]

May God bless you in your fine work and may the American people be awakened before all is lost.

Yours truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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April 20, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 13, and I do want to thank you for your prayers as well as your generous expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring the matter you mentioned to my attention, and I am most appreciative of your observations in this regard.

It was a pleasure to send you the material to which you have referred, and I am enclosing two other items on the subject of communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)
4-61 LEB Intro
4-17-61 Statement

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April 13, 1961

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Mr. J. E. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I feel that I must report to you part of a lengthy conversation I had with the Luthern Pastor in our town- [redacted]

Church

After a National Council of Churches Film Strip and panel discussion held jointly by my [redacted] Pres. Church and The [redacted] Luthern Church this week I spoke to [redacted] and told him I felt that the Council was all wrong to be so outspoken in political affairs. I have seen Operation Abolition and told him that every American should see this (the council says we should not). He had the nerve to tell me that the House Un-American Affairs Committee planned the riot so that they could film it and that the committee had outlived its usefulness. I told him that J. E. Hoover had written a pamphlet about the riots (Communist Target-Youth) and that this was a documented film. He told me you wanted prestige and so were doing your job. I told him anything J. E. Hoover said was in my opinion true. He told me I was niese and reading the wrong material. After finding out by his own admission that he is for world government and one world church I feel he should be investigated and not permitted to brain wash his congregation! This is only one of many subjects regarding communism and the church but not on one did we agree.

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Perhaps he has been reading the wrong material and is a dupe. I do not know but feel that he should not be preaching in a Christian Church where he can influence so many people from the pulpit if his loyalties are not with America.

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Thank you Mr. Hoover for the material you sent to me on request a few weeks ago. It is constantly being passed from one neighbor to another and I only wish America had many more great men like yourself protecting it. You are doing a wonderful job and I know the pressures on you must be very great. God bless you.

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J. J. [unclear]*

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

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[REDACTED]

April 13, 1961

Mr. J. E. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I feel that I must report
to you part of a lengthy conver-
sation I had with the Lutheran
Pastor in our Town - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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April 20, 1961

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EX-112

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 13, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any comment with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider directing your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C. It is a pleasure, however, to enclose a copy of "Communist Target--Youth," which is a detailed account of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party in the California demonstrations.

In connection with your other inquiry, may I point out that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am sending you other material dealing with the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
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Enclosures (5)
Communist Target--Youth
4-61 LEB Intro.
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's speech of 10-18-60
17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Intro.

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

The ^①National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC (100-50869).

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April 13, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir,

As president of the local Council of Church Women I am being asked frequently about the film "Abolition". There is much propoganda being published both for and against. Our women are greatly concerned and should have the truth. I believe your office would know that better than anyone else. Do you have any pamphlets which tell the full story or any helps of any kind which I might have?

And this is a difficult question for you to answer and just as bad for me to ask, but is all of the material being sent out by the National Council of Churches absolutely trustworthy? Some of the women feel it is definitely biased and some of it even a bit shady. I must know the truth. Thank you.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

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CORRESPONDENCE

*ad 4-20-61
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Sincerely

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April 20, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 12, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the files of this Bureau are confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and are available for official use only. Further, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry. I can assure you that the person mentioned in your communication has not had access to FBI files.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- 4-61 LEB Introduction
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality?
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- 17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Intro.

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April 12, 1961.

Hon J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D C

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a Methodist Minister I have become very much alarmed by reports that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated and controlled by Communists. Also it is reported that there were a number of Communists among those who were engaged in bringing out the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Is it true that they said that there are 8000 protestant ministers who are Communists?

I feel that a lot of these reports are unfavored and unjustified. I understand that there is a Rev. Mr. McCatyre that has a program on the radio and claims to have *information* from the F. B. I. to back up his charges. I know he continually (illegible) at protestant ministers and the National Council of Churches. *SNIPES*

I wonder if you could give me any information on this matter?

I am alarmed by it and wonder if there is any truth in these charges?

I feel that most of these charges are unjustified. I know that you have done a wonderful job as head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and above all that you are a christian gentlemen,

I feel that maybe some of these charges are Communist inspired.

Any information you can give me will be appreciated -.

Sincerely

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April 12, 1961.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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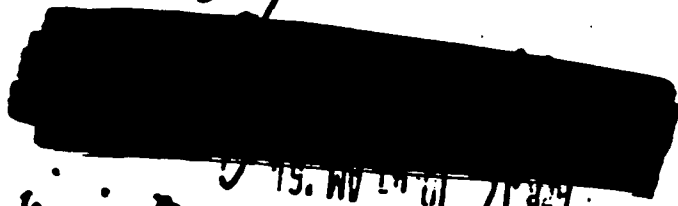
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April 18, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 11, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- 4-61 LEB Intro.
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
- 3-60 LEB Intro. & 17th National Convention
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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April 11, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I begin this letter with a prayer in my heart. As the wife of a Methodist Minister I am deeply concerned with the notorious publicity given our churches and clergymen, through the daily newspapers.

We have members in our church who denounce the National Council of Churches, saying it is full of Communists. Since the Methodist church is a member of the Council, it receives the same condemnation, with the Woman's Division of Christian Service included.

One article in the Commercial Appeal (Memphis, Tennessee), stated that a certain group had accused over ten thousand (10,000), Methodist Ministers, not to mention other denominations, as leaning toward, or contributing to, Communism.

If you can say anything to take some of the pressure off these men of God, who are giving their lives in service to the church, I would be deeply grateful. If you have proof, or cause to believe, that there are no Communists in the Council of Churches, I would be so happy to receive your statement immediately. In any case, I would appreciate hearing from you, concerning this matter.

Very Sincerely,

/s/

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. [unclear]
 Mr. Callah:
 Mr. Conra:
 Mr. [unclear]
 Mr. Evans
 Mr. Malone
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tavel
 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. W.C. Sul
 Tele. Room
 Mr. Ingram
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Very Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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100-50269-617¹ - Mr. Farr
April 18, 1961

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated April 10, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance and can certainly appreciate your concern, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Bufiles contain no pertinent subversive data regarding correspondent.

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NOTE ON YELLOW - CONTINUED:

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The National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the CP. (100-50869)

[REDACTED]

In view of correspondent's concern over communism in churches, to send him literature could leave the inference that Moon and the NCCC are subversive.

Although letterhead indicates correspondent's name is [REDACTED] he is addressed as [REDACTED] since he signed his letter in this fashion and apparently prefers that name.

April 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In a recent letter to the editor of "The Birmingham News" Mr. Myers G. Lowman, executive secretary of the Circuit Riders, Inc., was highly critical of The National Council of Churches, the Reverend Robert Moon, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Fresno, California, and The Christian Century. Mr. Lowman somehow vaguely connects the NCC, Mr. Moon, and the CC with communism.

Will you be kind enough to give me some sort of forthright statement about the matter? For example, is the National Council of Churches communist? Are any communists on its staff? Are any denominational representatives to the NCC communist?

Again, is Mr. Moon a communist? Has he ever been a communist? Is he affiliated now or ever been a member of the communist party or a communist front organization?

Again, is The Christian Century a communist magazine? Is any communist a member of the Century staff or do any communists contribute editorially to its pages?

I would appreciate an open and forthright statement on these matters.

Let to [redacted]
4-18-61
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-14-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

By letter of 4-6-61, the above-captioned individual enclosed a newspaper clipping which appeared in the April 6, 1961, issue of the "Indianapolis Star." This clipping refers to a speech by Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan in which he stated that the impression among many Americans that Protestant denominations have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence by communists is a patent falsehood. She takes exception to this remark and states that it is "God's truth" and refers to the National Council of Churches of Christ as having promoted the communist cause far too often. She also states, "Even you, Mr. Hoover, in your book, 'Masters of Deceit,' seem to whitewash some organizations that would harm the Christian faith."

Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding the correspondent.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of [REDACTED] remarks, no acknowledgment be made of her communication.

1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

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SAC LETTER No 61-20
4/11/61

(E) NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST (NCCC) - POST CARDS CONCERNING -- Recently in Dallas, Texas, several members of the clergy received through the mail typewritten post cards, post-marked at Dallas, bearing my name as the sender. The messages were identical and read as follows: "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications."

In the event similar post cards come to your attention, promptly notify the Bureau. In addition, you should conduct investigation in an attempt to locate the person who sent the post cards and admonish him, and discuss the matter with the appropriate U. S. Attorney at the outset to determine if it constitutes a violation of the Impersonation Statute.

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April 6, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a letter with some quotations attributed to William C. Sullivan. Are these quotations accurate? If so, even if taken out of context, I am extremely alarmed.

While I am aware that the majority of the clergy sincerely believe that they are loyal Americans, it is my firm conviction that most clergymen affiliated with the National Council of Churches do not know what a loyal American is. Since the communists have known for many decades longer than we that they were engaged in a world wide revolution and have made a point of wheedling and bribing their way into every important communication center such as the church, education, etc. it is grossly misleading the public to infer that communists only get into the act after religious leaders "happen" to make statements coinciding with the communist line. The communists and their dupes caused the religious leaders to have those ideas in the first place.

As a member of a church [REDACTED] duped by the N. C. C. C. into promoting the communists cause far too often, I firmly believe that the "impression" referred to in the first quote by Mr. Sullivan is God's truth, not "a patent falsehood." Why am I still a member of this church? I am striving to awaken others caught in the trap. I have cut my financial contributions to a bare trickle here, while I send my normal contributions plus extra on to fundamentalists ministers who are risking their very lives to protect the Christian faith. Even you, Mr. Hoover, in your book Masters of Deceit seem to whitewash some organizations that would harm the Christian faith. However, I appreciate what a fine job you are doing in a very difficult position.

Sincerely,

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April 6, '61

Indianapolis Star

The People Spe

Reds Achieve No Success With Clergy, FBI Man Assures

To the Editor of The Star:

Citizens who have been misled into thinking that the Protestant clergy are infiltrated by Communists should be somewhat relieved by statements made at a recent meeting in Cincinnati by Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of the FBI. Listed here are direct quotations from a speech to about 1,000 people at a meeting sponsored by the U.S. Citizens Committee of that city:

civil liberties and racial discriminations."

CLINTON M. MARSH
Minister, Witherspoon
United Presbyterian Church.

"The impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations, in particular, have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence by Communists is a patent falsehood."

"The Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions. There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy and the fact that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism. For tactical reasons, the Communists have included American religious leaders among their targets and have been quick to capitalize on statements that happen to coincide with the party line. They have been especially alert," he said, "in exploiting utterances on such popular issues as peace,

FORN EXCHANGE

ENCLOSURE 100-50869-615

1 - Mr. Simpson

April 18, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated April 9, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the organization you mentioned; however, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain information concerning it.

Pursuant to your request, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI concerning the menace of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
2. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
3. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
4. "God and Country or Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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April 9, 1961

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in regard to information concerning communism in our churches. I would also like to know about the National Council of Churches. Is it in any way connected with the communist party.

If you have any other information which I as a pastor of a church should know to help keep our country free, I would appreciate it.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Pastor of the ██████████
Baptist Church,

/s/ ██████████

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Sincerely,

Pastor of the [REDACTED]
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April 17, 1961

100-50869-613

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 7 to the United States Secret Service has been referred to me. The interest which prompted your writing is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

from [unclear]

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
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Expose of Soviet Espionage
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
U. S. SECRET SERVICE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REFER TO FILE NO.

April 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached letter from [redacted]
[redacted] requesting information
about the National Council of Churches, is forwarded
to your Bureau for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

U. E. Baughman
Chief, U. S. Secret Service

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cc - [redacted]

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April 7, 1961

U. S Secret Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have been appointed on a committee of our Church to investigate the National Council of Churches as to whether there is enough communistic influence within its organization to warrent the withdrawal of our support.

I would therefore appreciate any information on the subject you can send me.

Thanking you in advance I am,

Sincerely yours

/s/

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April 7, 1961

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Washington, D.C.

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Thanking you in advance I am,

Sincerely yours

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April 18, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 10, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

The film, "Operation Abolition," was sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. I cannot, therefore, as a matter of policy, make any comment regarding it. You may wish to direct your inquiry to the House Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

I am enclosing a copy of a report prepared by this Bureau regarding the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party in the California demonstrations. An analysis of this report will show its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat and, armed with that understanding, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action. The material you forwarded is being returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

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April 10 - 1961.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

This is a reply to a letter which I wrote to the National Council of Churches asking for what good reason and to what purpose they were black listing the film, Operation Abolition.

As I cannot, with authority, answer the questions posed here, I wondered whether you could help me? If you do not care to become involved yourself, in this Controversy, could you tell me where else I might get authoritative answers?

I am critically annoyed by the complacent attitude of the N. C. C., which seems to lean over backward to give the Communists the benefit of the doubt.

With the greatest admiration for you and your work,

Cordially,

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April 10-1961.

Mr. S. Roger Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

This is a reply to a letter
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reason and to what purpose they
were black-listing the film,
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April 17, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked April 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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 Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
 One Nation's Response To Communism

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
1414 and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: which if any CONTRACTS:

Recently there has been a rash of extreme criticism of the National Council of Churches in our area. The most outstanding criticism is that it has become nothing more than a tool of communistic leaders. As a Minister of the Gospel, I feel it is my duty to inform my people to the best of my knowledge and ability as to whether or not these claims are true or false or partially true or partially false.

Would you please send me some brochures on the findings of the F.B.I. concerning the National Council of Churches? I will appreciate any material which will be of help to us in dealing with this problem.

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Yours very truly,

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April 13, 1961

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 8, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance to you regarding the statements to which you refer, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Consequently, I am unable to comment on the subjects of your inquiry. I trust you will understand my position in this instance.

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In view of your interest in the topic of communist infiltration, I am enclosing several items which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
 - Communist Fusion and Democratic Reality
 - What YOU Can Do To Fight Communism
 - Expose of Soviet Espionage
 - One Nation's Response to Communism
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April 8, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is a program on a local radio station called "It is later than you think." It supposedly concerns itself with Communist Activities in America - You have been quoted quiet extensively and I would appreciate some answers to a couple of questions -

One statement that was made was that the Supreme Court has been handing down decisions favoring the Communist

Another is the National Council of Churches ^{o/christ} is dominated by Communist and they are receiving royalties from the U.S the Revised Edition of the Bible -

These statements are a little hard for me to swallow - My brother - in - law, [redacted] was with the FBI for 20 years and I am sure if the Communist were that strong here, you all would do something about it.

I have enough faith in my God and my country, that I think such radical programs should be stopped.

Thank you and I would appreciate an answer to my questions - *aw*

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/s/ [redacted]

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington D.C.

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1 - Mr. Farr

April 17, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

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While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you desire. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the specific information which you requested.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am enclosing some literature which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

- "God and Country or Communism"
- "Breaking the Communist Spell"
- "One Nation's Response to Communism"
- "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals"

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April 7, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We need your help. By we, I mean a group of business people here in southern Missouri who are trying to inform people of this area concerning the threat of Communism. Our efforts include films and lectures one week a month as well as a radio program three days a week over a local radio station.

// What we need more than anything else is proof of Communist activity in Missouri and Arkansas. Some of our efforts have met opposition by "un-named sources", who belittle our efforts.

// If you could furnish information on the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, known Communists in this area, and other matters pertinent to this area it would help a great deal.

Interest is being aroused and we can use all the information available from your organization on this serious threat to our freedom.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours with great respect,
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- 4-61 LEB Introduction
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Series from Christianity Today
- One nation's Response to Communism

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4-10-61

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir as a Christian I am very much concerned about my freedom of Worship and my freedom in a nation that has been free indeed, but now I wonder for how long, according to what I hear about the Communists in our churches and National Council of Churches therefore would you please send as much information on this vital question as you can as I want to do all that I possibly can to protect all of our freedoms with the help of God I know it can be done but God and God alone can save us and give us victory over our enemys for by God Grace We will stand firm if We as Nation return to Him and let Him lead us. Thanks so Much

/s/ [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Farr

April 14, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 31, 1961, has been received and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

Your desire to know more about the organizations referred to in your letter is understandable; however, I trust you can appreciate my inability to be of assistance in this regard. The prescribed functions of the FBI as an investigative agency do not permit this Bureau to draw conclusions nor make evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Communism is, as you are aware, a menace to the free world; and I agree that the churches of our country are one of our greatest defenses against this danger.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent. It is believed that in this instance to send literature to correspondent could give her the impression that her church is infiltrated or influenced by subversive elements. The above answer, therefore, appears to be most helpful to her and at the same time in the Bureau's best interests.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.
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TRUE COPY

31 March, 1961

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

More and more it is being said by columnists, commentators, conservative publications, and persons connected with anitcommunist organizations, that the National Council of Churches is a pink, communist-infiltrated organization. Being both a political conservative and an active laywoman in one of the member denominations of the National Council, I am quite disturbed by these accusations.

|| Will you please tell me if the NCC is classified in the F.B.I. files as subversive, communist-infiltrated, communist sympathizing, or what.

|| I'd like to know, also, if you see any danger signals pointing to communistic leanings within the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). It is within the framework of this church that I am involved in the program of Christian Education and Leadership Training, which I believe to be the single greatest bulwark against Communism. I would want to do my part toward stopping the filtering of any subversive ideas into this dynamic area of my church.

|| Are all the "anti-communist" organizations constructive? Or do they actually aid communism by looking for it in everything, and particularly by undermining persons' confidence in the church?

Please understand my genuine concern in this matter, and my search for the truth. I certainly will appreciate your straightforward reply.

Sincerely,

/s/ 

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5-28-61

31 March, 1961

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Churches is a front, Communist-infiltrated organization
being both a political conservative and an active laywoman
in one of the member denominations of the National Council.
I am quite disturbed by these accusations.

Will you please tell me if the NCC is classified in the
A.B.I. files as subversive, Communist-infiltrated, Communist
sympathizing, or what.

I'd like to know, also, if you see any danger signals from
to Communist leanings within the Christian Churches
(Disciples of Christ). It is within the framework of the
Church that I am involved in the program of Christian
Education and Leadership Training, which I believe to be
the single greatest bulwark against Communism. I want
to do my part toward stopping the filtering of
subversive ideas into this dynamic area of my Church.

Are all the "anti-Communist" organizations constructive? Or
they actually aid Communism by looking for it in every
and particularly by undermining persons' confidence in
Church?

CORRESPONDENCE

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... concern in this matter.

and my search for the truth. I certainly will appreciate
your straightforward reply.

Sincerely,

A large, solid black rectangular redaction covers the signature and name of the sender.

April 13, 1961

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100-50869-606
[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 6, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism. There is no charge for material we are privileged to disseminate.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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Director's Speech 40-18-60

Series From Christianity Today

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: The Bureau is aware of the fact that many individuals associated with the New Standard Revised Versions of the Holy Bible have been affiliated with communist front organizations in the past.

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The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

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J Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: I would like information on the National Council of Churches-
Are some of their high officials Subversive or Communists? Didnt a few
years back when the NCC met in Ill. they invited Communist Clergy from
Russia and elected them in some of their high offices? Do you have
records etc whether some of the N. CC. assisted in translating the new
standard Revised Versions of the Bible--if so would like their names etc-
Any charge for this information let me know- as I want to be sure concerning
the NCC- They are working in Okla.

Thanking you
I am

/s/

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April 13, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked April 7, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communist Target--Youth *D.I.P.I*
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear F. B. I. Agent.

Herb. Filbrick spoke at Bismarck N. Dak. on
april 5. I was in attendance. I was unable to asked a question in mind.
because time would not allow. So I would like to asked you the question.

The ²National council of churches has been critized by
anticommunists. What is your opinion on this? How can we be
informed.

Yours Sincerely

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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Yours sincerely

CORRESPONDENCE

April 14, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated April 7, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning organizations, publications or individuals. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you desire. In line with this policy, I am precluded from furnishing the percentages you requested, nor can I comment on the affiliations of church organizations.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States and in accordance with your request, I am enclosing some literature which I trust will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by this Bureau. We have kept abreast of efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate it through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the CP. (100-50869)

The following literature was sent to the correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
2. "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

TRUE COPY

April 7, 1961

Mr. Hoover;

I would like to have some information concerning communist workings. Some of us want to know what to look for and some people don't believe the communist are as thick as they are. Some just seem not to care. Any literature you can send to us would be very much appreciated. Some questions I'd like to ask you and want an answer to if possible please. How much percentage Communist are there in our U. S. and what percentage communist is Illinois. (I am from Illinois-south part) Also if you can tell me if the National Council of Churches is infiltrated with communist. I understand they are. Our church is in that Council and it worries me very much. I don't know whether we have any communist in are immediate area or not. All I know is I'm not one. I am trying my best to live the way my Savior wants me to. Also I would like (if you can tell me) What churches are not in that National Council of Churches. Again, Mr Hoover, I would like any literature you could send me concerning these questions concerning other material you think would help me. I'd like to pass some of it out. Thank you very much.

Respectfully

/s/ [REDACTED]

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April 7, 1961

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April 7, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 29, 1961, with enclosures, and I do appreciate the interest which has prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion.

Concerning your desire to be of assistance in combating communism, I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons for overcoming the menace of the Communist Party. The initiative displayed by private citizens in trying to thwart the aims of the communists is a tribute to our American way of life.

With respect to the organization you mentioned, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Also, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in connection with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [REDACTED] and we have had no previous correspondence with him.

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March 29, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing several newspaper articles regarding anti-communist forums which have been staged in Memphis, Tennessee and other cities. The National Council of Churches was the principal target for the meeting of Survival, U. S. A. in Memphis.

As the Manager of [redacted] I want to assure you of my full cooperation in doing everything possible to fight Communism. I feel that Mr. Leroy Collins, the President of the National Association of Broadcasters and all of our affiliate members would be more than glad to do everything we can to fight Communism. We, however, need guidance and instructions as to what we should do to play a vital part in fighting Communism. We need leadership and guidance through your organization or through the National Association of Broadcasters so that we can direct all our efforts towards any Communist organizations that might be active in the United States.

I am an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company and we receive a number of programs that are prepared and presented by the National Council of Churches. I have known a number of these programs to be slanted in many ways. As a result of the many things that I have heard about the National Council of Churches and the way my own church, [redacted] feels towards the National Council of Churches, I have tried to keep from running any programs on radio or television that are connected in any way with the National Council of Churches.

Are you in a position to make a statement regarding the Communist activities of the National Council of Churches? I realize that there are many individuals in the National Council of Churches who have been identified with pro-Communist front organizations. Do you recognize this as a true statement of fact? We urgently need your guidance and advice as to what action we should take regarding the National Council of Churches and in other programs whereby we can be of assistance to you in fighting Communism and exposing pro-Communist organizations. I know that Mr. Leroy Collins and the National Association of Broadcasters would welcome the opportunity of carrying out any constructive programs that you might suggest for the Broadcasters of America to follow. I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your interest in my inquiries and my suggestions. I know that Governor

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Casper
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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March 29, 1961

Collins will be anxious to know of any recommendations that you would like to make to our Association and to the individual stations throughout the United States.

Yours very truly,



Enclosures

CC: Governor Leroy Collins, President
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS
1771 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

COMMERCIAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 20,



FOES OF COMMUNISM—Principals in the Memphis-born anti-Communist forum Survival U.S.A., looked over the program before activities got under way at the Auditorium yesterday afternoon. Grouped around Robert B. Snowden,

Memphis civic leader and general chairman of the forum, are (from left) Dr. E. Merrill Root of Richmond, Ind., Donald L. Jackson of Los Angeles and Edgar C. Bundy of Wheaton, Ill.

—Staff Photo by Robert Williams

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Liberal' Church Council Hit By 3 Anti-Leftist Speakers

By NEAL GREGORY

The National Council of Churches was the principal target of three speakers at Survival U.S.A., the anti-communist forum which staged a second performance yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium.

The international organization, which includes almost all major Protestant denominations, was denounced by Edgar C. Bundy, research analyst and lecturer of Wheaton, Ill.; former Representative Donald L. Jackson of Los Angeles and Dr. E. Merrill Root, former professor of English at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

Less than 1,000 persons attended the program, which opened with the controversial film, "Opposition Abolition." The National Council of Churches has urged its members not to show the motion picture which features student demonstrations against the House Un-American Activities Committee at San Francisco hearings last spring.

Pastors Accused

"What kind of churches and pastors support Communism and give aid and comfort to the enemy of the souls of men?" Mr. Bundy asked. "In the answer to this question lies the reason why more than 8,000 pastors in the United States have added the Kremlin conspiracy."

He called leaders of the council "blatant deniers of the Christian faith" who cloak the Communist program under the titles of "social action" or "social progress." He said this "social gospel" is a "hypocritical, humanistic, paganistic philosophy which has its roots in the teachings of Marx and the skeptics of the ages."

The group was formed on its world-wide scale with the help of such men as John Foster Dulles, Charles P. Taft . . . and leading radicals from Union Theological Seminary of New York," Mr. Bundy said.

He listed the following "documented figures concerning Protestant clergymen who have aided subversive causes: Methodists, 2,109; Episcopalian, 1,411; Congregational, 1,014; Baptist, 660, and Presbyterian, 649."

Mr. Jackson, who appeared here last fall with a Republican congressional team supporting Richard Nixon for president, scored ministers who "lend respectability" to activities and

organizations with leftist leanings.

"There are some clergymen who would not recognize Karl Marx if he came and took a seat in the church choir," the Californian shouted as the audience burst into applause.

Dr. Root, who now lives in Connecticut, expressed major concern over ministers and professors "who call themselves 'liberals' in the ironic modern sense of that perverted term."

The former professor, who has reviewed textbooks for the State of Mississippi, is author of "Collectivism on the Campus" and "Brainwashing in the High Schools." He called for a return to conservative thinking.

Sponsors of yesterday's program were admittedly disappointed that the Auditorium was less than half-filled.

"I'm amazed at this small crowd," Robert B. Snowden, Memphis civic leader and Survival U.S.A. general chairman commented.

Memphis' Plough Is Among Firms Slapped By U.S.

Four drug manufacturers—including Plough, Inc., of Memphis—were accused yesterday of making false claims about the speed with which their pain-relief preparations work.

The Federal Trade Commission issued false-advertising complaints against makers of Bufferin, Anacin, St. Joseph Aspirin and Bayer Aspirin.

Ernie Kimpel, attorney for Plough, said the action "does not come as a surprise, and we do not consider it serious."

Mr. Kimpel said Plough, manufacturer of St. Joseph Aspirin, "has not been guilty of the type of advertising engaged in by some

ENCLOSURE

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2 Anti-Red Films To Aid Crusade

Revision Plus New Show To
Push Fight Into Every
State In Union

By GEORGE SISLER

Two new filmstrips due for premiere within a month are expected to put the Memphis-born Crusade on Communism into every state of the Union.

Using only the year-old filmstrip "Communism on the Map," the crusade launched by Memphis Post No. 1 of the American Legion with co-operation of The Commercial Appeal, has spread into 20 states and is being carried daily to an estimated 100,000 persons.

Revision Due

Howard Bennett, executive vice president of the National Education Program at Searcy, Ark., creator of the filmstrip documenting the advances of worldwide communism, said yesterday an up-to-the-minute revision of "Communism on the Map" is due out April 17.

Also scheduled to appear on that date is a companion filmstrip entitled "What Can We Do?"—a visual aid detailing for citizen audiences how each American can work to strengthen freedom and halt the infiltration of communism into this country.

The new "Communism on the Map" will, like the original, rely heavily on The Commercial Appeal's files for documentation of the Red sweep to virtual encirclement of the United States. Both new filmstrips will be shown for the first time during the annual three-day Freedoms Forum set to open April 17 at Harding College in Searcy.

'Operation Alert'

Memphis Post No. 1 will stock both films for use by its Legionnaire "Operation Alert" task force which this week will have shown the original filmstrip to 300,000 persons in Memphis and the Mid-South.

Nashville Post No. 5 will launch its Crusade on Communism today when Comdr. Louis Wynne and State Representative James B. Mitchell, who is also Civitan Club district governor, show "Communism on the Map" to the Nashville Civitan Club.

State Senator Lewis Taliaferro of Memphis said the recently adjourned Legislature passed unanimously a Senate joint resolution urging the state Board of Education to make copies of the filmstrip available to all Tennessee public high schools. The resolution was handled in the House by Representative J. Alan Hanover of Memphis and Milton Hamilton of Obion County. Art Miller, commander of Jerry Cooper Post No. 30 at Dyersburg, Tenn., also is directing a volunteer task force taking the filmstrip to that region.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (47-3913)

DATE: 4/4/61

SUBJECT: POST CARDS FROM "J. EDGAR HOOVER"
ALLEGING COMMUNIST AFFILIATION BY
MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES OF CHRIST, DALLAS, TEXAS
IMPERSONATION

Handwritten notes and signatures in the top right corner, including a routing slip with checkboxes for 'Mr. Tolson', 'Mr. DeLoach', 'Mr. Mohr', 'Mr. Bishop', 'Mr. Casper', 'Mr. Callahan', 'Mr. Conrad', 'Mr. Felt', 'Mr. Gale', 'Mr. Rosen', 'Mr. Sullivan', 'Mr. Tavel', 'Mr. Trotter', 'Tele. Room', 'Miss Holmes', 'Miss Gandy'.

Re Bureau letter, 3/29/61.

Attached is copy of a letter to AUSA WILLIAM E. SMITH dated 4/3/61 wherein he stated that he was of the opinion that captioned matter was not a violation of the impersonation statute.

U.S. Postal Inspector [redacted] advised that on 3/30/61 the "11" which appears on the post mark of captioned cards merely meant these cards were stamped in the central post office by stamping machine number 11 and could have been mailed in any section of Dallas. He stated that it had no significance as to time or station from where these cards may have been deposited. Postal Inspector [redacted] stated he would be alert for any material of this kind but to date was not acquainted with any literature that would relate to captioned matter.

On 3/31/61 [redacted] the Better Business Bureau, Dallas, Texas, advised that Better Business Bureau had not seen any material related or similar to captioned matter?

[redacted] Special Service Bureau of the Dallas PD advised on 3/31/61 that no literature had come to their attention relating to captioned matter.

[redacted] Dallas, stated he was not acquainted with any literature that would be of assistance in this matter but would be alert for same.

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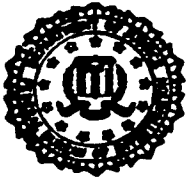
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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all advised on 3/31/61 that they had no knowledge or suspects as to who might have sent instant cards but would immediately forward any similar cards to this office and furnish any names of suspects that might come to their attention.

In view of the fact the USA has declined prosecution and in the absence of any suspects in captioned matter, no further inquiry is being made relative to this matter at this time UACB. (UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
12th Floor, 1114 Commerce Street
Dallas 2, Texas
April 3, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 47-3913

Honorable William B. West III
United States Attorney
Northern District of Texas
Fort Worth, Texas

Attention: William E. Smith
Assistant United States Attorney

RE: POST CARDS FROM "J. EDGAR
HOOVER" ALLEGING COMMUNIST
AFFILIATION BY MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF
CHRIST, DALLAS, TEXAS
IMPERSONATION

Dear Sir:

This will confirm conversation had by Special Agent [redacted] with Assistant United States Attorney William E. Smith on March 31, 1961 relative to post cards which had been received by [redacted] Church, [redacted] Church and [redacted] of the [redacted] which post cards were identical in nature as to content and were all dated March 18, 1961 at Dallas, Texas. The post cards stated "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications.

- J. Edgar Hoover"

Mr. Smith was of the opinion that this did not come under the prevue of the impersonation statute and stated he would decline any prosecutive action.

Very truly yours,

CURTIS O. LYNUM
Special Agent in Charge

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ENCLOSURE

April 10, 1961

[Redacted]

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
United States Department of
Justice,

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter
of April 3, 1961, and the
pamphlets enclosed with it.

Concern prevented a
realization that the sources
I sought could not be
available. Naturally the
material in the files of the
F.B.I. is not and should
not be open to private
inquiries.

The pamphlets are informative
and contain material which
will be helpful in making
National Security reports at
our Region Auxiliary meetings.

O. National Council of Churches

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It is indeed comforting
to have an institution
such as our Federal Bureau
of Investigation in charge
of so able a Director.

With deep appreciation
for your kindness,

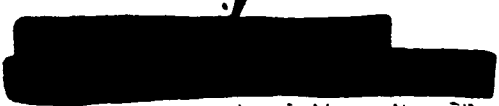
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable. I want to thank you for your kind comments.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- 4-61 LEB Introduction
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- Communist Target-- Youth
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- 17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Intro.


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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Although correspondent lists "P. O. Box" on her envelope, no number is shown; therefore, the address utilized as above.

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TRUE COPY

April 6, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know that you are a very busy man and I thank God that we have men such as you working in our country's behalf. However could you kindly take enough time to answer a few questions for me? I have just returned from annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. There I learned from [redacted]

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Mr. Hoover I am the spiritual Life Leader of my church and I believe that christianity emphasizes individualism and the infinite importance of the individual, not the government, nor the masses but the individual. I am to make a report of the annual conference to the Woman's Society of Christian Service Monday April 17th and I am very much disturbed over some things I heard from different speakers from high positions in our church body. I would appreciate very much an answer to this letter before the 17th if it is at all possible Mr. Hoover. I love the church but I am dedicated first of all to ^{be} a christian and to be a christian is to watch or well or pray for those wolves in sheeps clothing that would crucify my Christ anew.

Yours truly,

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yours truly,
[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 30, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion,
God and Country or Communism?
Christianity Today Series

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Letter to [REDACTED]

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ, but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate the organization. It does not appear that the CP is taking the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)



March 30, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Church Women's organization, of which I am a member (Christian Women's Fellowship) has asked me to be an information Chairman to find the actual facts concerning the National Council of Churches. Our Church, Disciples of Christ, belongs to this National group. Recently there has been a great deal of confusion, and some heated discussions, because of the Un-American Activities Committee Report of the Summer 1960 which states that "many leaders in the National Council of Churches have Communist organization memberships." Some of our members do not accept the statements in the Un-American Activities Committee Report. They will accept information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation as accurate.

We are most anxious to be fair and honest. We do not want to falsely accuse anyone. But we do not want infiltration into our Church.

Will you please send me any information and data on the National Council of Churches which I may use to inform members of our organization?

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Thank you for your assistance. We need it badly.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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April 6, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 31, 1961, with enclosure, and I do appreciate the thoughtfulness which has prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion.

For your information, similar literature of the type you forwarded has been previously brought to the attention of the FBI. Of course, I have made no such absurd statement.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on communism which you might like to have.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- 3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention CP, USA
- 4-1-61 Introduction to LEB Communism

- 1 - Dallas - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information regarding Reverend [REDACTED] to preclude sending this communication. Bufiles reflect that similar post cards were received by three other ministers in Dallas all of which were postmarked March 18 which is the same postmark as submitted by Reverend [REDACTED]. This matter was referred to the Dallas Office and by letter of 4-4-61 after conducting appropriate investigation the United States Attorney's office declined prosecution as they did not feel this matter came within the purview of the impersonation statute.

[Redacted]

March 31, 1961

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

National Council of Churches

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I just thought you would be interested in what
I received in the mail with your name on it.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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The National Council of Churches of Christ
in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the
Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of
the 95 persons who served on this project,
30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist
fronts, projects, and publications.

- J. Edgar Hoover

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-3-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: POST CARDS FROM "J. EDGAR HOOVER"
ALLEGING COMMUNIST AFFILIATION BY MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Tolson	
Belmont	
Mohr	
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Casper	
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Reference is made to my attached memorandum of 3-28-61, captioned as above, which reflected that several ministers in Dallas, Texas, had received identical post cards, postmarked 3-18-61 at Dallas, which contained the following typewritten statement:

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications.

- J. Edgar Hoover"

It was recommended and approved that SAC, Dallas, be instructed by letter of 3-29-61 to present this matter to the United States Attorney and to conduct an impersonation investigation for the purpose of locating and admonishing the person who sent these post cards. In approving this recommendation, the Director noted: "Yes. It is dastardly." Mr. Tolson instructed that an SAC Letter be prepared since these post cards will probably show up elsewhere.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached SAC Letter regarding captioned matter be approved.

- Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Malone

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-28-61

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By airtel 3-23-61 (attached), SAC, Dallas, forwarded a post card addressed to [redacted] Church, [redacted] postmarked 3-18-61, Dallas, Texas, which contained the following typewritten statement:

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications.

- J. Edgar Hoover"

SAC, Dallas, advised that the minister of the ~~Highland Park~~ Methodist Church in Dallas had received an identical post card which was also postmarked in Dallas on 3-18-61. The Dallas Office inquired if similar post cards have appeared in other parts of the country and, if so, what action has been taken concerning this matter. The SAC stated he would keep the Bureau advised of any similar literature appearing in the Dallas area.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Reverend [redacted] of Dallas, Texas. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC today. A review of the main file of the NCCC fails to reflect that similar post cards have appeared anywhere in the county prior to this. (100-50869.)

- Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Belmont

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CRIME RECORDS

Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: Post Cards From "J. Edgar Hoover" NCCC, Dallas, Texas

OBSERVATIONS:

It is noted that the Document Section of the FBI Laboratory has advised that the typing on the attached post card was made by a Royal typewriter, Canterbury elite style of type. This type was first introduced in January, 1955, and, according to Royal is "designed to add dignity and distinction to executive correspondence." Royal Canterbury elite type can be used on standard, portable and electric typewriters.

It is felt that this matter should be presented to the U. S. Attorney in Dallas to determine if this constitutes a violation of the Impersonation Statute and that Dallas Office be instructed to institute an impersonation investigation for the purpose of locating and admonishing the person who prepared and sent these post cards.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to SAC, Dallas, instructing him to present this matter to the U. S. Attorney and to conduct impersonation investigation.

✓ RSM 7/21/58 (14) J. Edgar Hoover
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These cards
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show up
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Yes
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SAC, Dallas

3-29-61

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REC-11 Director, FBI

POST CARDS FROM "J. EDGAR HOOVER"
ALLEGING COMMUNIST AFFILIATION BY MEMBERS
OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST,
DALLAS, TEXAS,
IMPERSONATION

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Bufiles fail to reflect that similar post cards have been received in other parts of the country. For your information, the typing on the post card received by [redacted] is Royal's Canterbury elite type. This type, which was introduced in January, 1955, can be used on Royal standard, portable and electric typewriters. According to Royal, Canterbury elite type is "designed to add dignity and distinction to executive correspondence."

You are requested to discuss this matter with the U. S. Attorney, Dallas, to determine if this constitutes a violation of the Impersonation Statute. If not, you should attempt to locate the person who sent these cards and admonish him. In this regard, it is suggested you contact U. S. Post Office authorities in Dallas to determine the significance, if any, of the "1" or "11" which appears in the postmark following the word "Tex." This may refer to a particular post office station within the city. The post card received by [redacted] being returned herewith.

Enclosure (1)

NOTE: This is enclosure to Jones to DeLoach Memo of 3-28-61 captioned "Post Cards From 'J. Edgar Hoover' Alleging Communist Affiliation by Members of National Council of Churches of Christ, Dallas, Texas."

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Date: 3/23/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (62-New)
RE: POSTCARD FROM "J. EDGAR HOOVER"
ALLEGING COMMUNIST AFFILIATION
MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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(S.D.)

On 3/23/61, the minister of the [redacted] Church, Dallas, Texas, and the assistant pastor of the [redacted] Church, Dallas, Texas, made available identical postcards received by them postmarked in Dallas, Texas 3/18/61.

The content of the postcards is as follows:

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications.

"- J. Edgar Hoover"

Enclosed for the Bureau is a postcard received by [redacted] Church, Dallas, Texas.

The Bureau is requested to advise if any similar postcards have appeared in other parts of the country and what action to date has been taken concerning this matter. Dallas will keep the Bureau advised of any similar literature appearing in this area and no action will be taken pending receipt of above requested information from the Bureau.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge
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1 - Mr. Farr

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April 10, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated March 18, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

It is always gratifying to receive letters from those who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedoms. The film, "Operation Abolition," has been sponsored and distributed by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, and the FBI had no connection with its preparation. For your information, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. In keeping with this policy, therefore, I cannot comment on this film nor the organizations mentioned in your letter.

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You may be interested, however, in reading the enclosed pamphlet entitled "Communist Target - Youth" which contains my report to the Committee on Un-American Activities concerning the disturbance in San Francisco, California, in May, 1960, in connection with the hearing of this Committee.

I am also enclosing some material concerning the menace of communism, available for general distribution by the FBI, which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover
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[Handwritten signatures]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Parsons
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- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
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Enclosures - 5

M.A.L. Room

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
2. "Communist Target - Youth"
3. "The Communists Are After Our Minds"
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
5. "Communism:- The Bitter Enemy of Religion".

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[REDACTED]
march 18, 1961

Dear Sir: -

I am writing you to ask -

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Is the "Twentieth Century Reformation," Collings-
wood, New Jersey, patriotic & dependable? is their
information authentic? *8-1*

Could you recomend the "national Council of Churches"
as a Christian, patriotic society.

Are they playing into the hands of the Communists?

Are some of their leaders communists

Do you recomend the showing of the film "Operation
Abolition"

I need to know the answer to these questions
because of a controversy which has come up

Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]
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[Redacted]

March 18, 1961

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[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address line 1]

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March 30, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 20 has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of service to you relative to your desire for a statement concerning the group you discussed, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I cannot accede to your request and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization about which you inquired.

In light of the foregoing, you may be assured that neither I nor any representative of this Bureau has made any statement of the type you mentioned. I have made statements several times about the attempts of the Communist Party to infiltrate our religious institutions since such efforts are in its over-all program of trying to control all mass-type organizations. You may be able to secure a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your local public library, and on pages 324 through 326, you will find this matter more fully discussed. In addition, I am enclosing a reprint of my statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947. Page 12 of this publication contains another comment of mine regarding religion.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country, and I trust that I have been of some assistance to you regarding your questions. Please accept my thanks for your best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure Statement before HCUA on March 26, 1947.



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Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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March 20, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been in a number of churches during the past several weeks where statements were attributed to you that the National Council of Church of Christ in America is either a Communist inspired organization or serves as a Communist front and that its leaders are made up of Communists inspired individuals.

Your name is used in this connection with people are associated with the Circuit Riders and other organizations that are seeking to discredit the work of the National Council of Churches.

Such statements that you are supposed to have made in the past are used to indite the National Council of Churches as being pro-Red, and on the basis of this, churches in our Ohio Baptist Convention are being urged to leave our American Baptist Convention since we are affiliated with the National Council of Churches, even as is your own Presbyterian Church.

It would be of tremendous assistance and help to the Cause of Christ here among our American Baptists in Ohio if you would be so kind and gracious as to issue a clear and forthright statement as to whether or not in your knowledge the National Council of Churches of Christ in America is either Communistic or a Communistic front organization.

John F. Johnson
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leadership of the National Council of Churches is communistic in terms of your own knowledge or of the evidence that has been produced by the F B I.

You are certainly in a position to have much information as to charges made by one Major Burde, Dr. Carl McIntire, and many others who seek persistently and persuasively to discredit the witness for Jesus Christ of the National Council of Churches and those organizations that work within the fellowship and framework of cooperative Christianity in the National Council of Churches.

Thanking you for your reply and with kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

DATE: MARCH 29, 1961

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Pages A2201-A2202. Congressman Utt, (R) California, extended his remarks to include an article from the Garden Grove News written by Samuel G. Campbell. Mr. Utt pointed out that "This article consists of excerpts from a sermon by the Reverend Robert Schuller, who has been one of the outstanding opponents of communism in my district. It deals with the position taken by the National Council of Churches and reflects the thinking, I am sure, of a great majority of the members of the Protestant faith whose churches are affiliated with the National Council of Churches." It is stated in the article "The outcry of 'Judas' was raised today by a Garden Grove minister against the National Council of Churches to which his own congregation belongs. - - - But then, he said, he learned the Congress of the United States heard evidence that the National Council published a reading list recommending books authored by Communists. - - - When J. Edgar Hoover gave his warning 4 months ago, Schuller declared, 'I began to give the warning voices a fair hearing.'"

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MARCH 23, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Mr. J. Irwin Miller, President
National Council of the Churches of Christ
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

National Council
of Churches

Hello Mr. Miller:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 28. In it you state, "It would seem that if the Saint Paul Chamber is to be entirely fair in the matter, you should want to compile a dossier giving both sides of the issue, as the National Council has done." I would like to comment on that statement:

We have not only compiled such information, but we have placed it in the hands of all individuals using our copies of "Operation Abolition." Further, we have conducted ten hour training sessions for these individuals on all facts pertaining to the film, both pro and con.

As to the information gathered by the National Council, we feel there are some serious questions that should be posed in respect to it.

For example: Why was so much emphasis (10 pages) placed on the views of one, Professor John R. Searle, rather than on the report of J. Edgar Hoover? Mr. Hoover, as Head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would be in a much better position to investigate the incident than any individual including Professor Searle and yet only one paragraph from his report was included in the National Council information.

It would also be interesting to know why the last paragraph, and the most important one, from an eye witness report by a group of ministers who witnessed the incident was deleted from the National Council information.

While not doubting the sincerity of the National Council action, we feel the person responsible for preparing "Some Facts And Some Comments" failed the Council by not making a fair representation of all the facts. We feel they failed to heed the National Council's own words of presenting . . . "the views of responsible persons pro and con." The end result, "Some Facts And Some Comments", is a biased report of the complete issue.

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The General Board should not be condemned for its action. If we were to place ourselves in its position, - that of not being thoroughly familiar with all the divergent views, and were to be handed "Some Facts And Some Comments", no, no doubt, would have voted as the General Board did.

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We feel the persons responsible for preparing this document failed the General Board in not making a fair representation of all the facts. We feel they failed because they did not take the time nor expend the energy necessary in making a

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Mr. J. Irwin Miller

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report of this nature. We feel they failed because some of these individuals, at least, were persons with preconceived ideas about what would be included in the report; or persons with preconceived ideas about the entire incident.

We feel this group of un-named individuals not only failed their responsibility to the General Board and you as President, but to the estimated 40 million Protestants the National Council claims as members through thousands of Protestant churches.

As a Protestant, I feel these individuals failed me.

Sincerely,

John T. Hay
JOHN T. HAY
Executive Vice President

W. H. ...
of Chamber of Commerce
St. Paul, Minn

cc: J. Edgar Hoover

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April 5, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 27, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I know of no source to whom you might write. Enclosed is material concerning the general subject of communism including a list of organizations which have been cited by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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List of Subversive Organizations

God and Country or Communism?

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Intro

Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC), but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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March 27, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

I am a minister and also a student at [Redacted] Christian College in [Redacted] and it is in this connection that I am writing a paper on "Communist Infiltration of the National Council of Churches".

If you could supply me with any information relative to this subject I would appreciate it very much. Also any other sources that you could refer me to would help.

I would like to have a list of Communist Organizations or Fronts if such a list is available to the public.

If you can be of any help to me I will greatly appreciate it.

Yours In Christ

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April 4, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 23, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to answer your specific inquiries since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer, however, in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files along the lines you suggested.

Enclosed is material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism, and I am including in the data forwarded a copy of "Communist Target--Youth," which relates to the highly organized tactics of the Communist Party in the California demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I hope that the reprints being sent will offer suggestions as to how you can help combat subversive influences in our society today.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's speech 10-18-60
How to Beat Communism
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NOTE CONTINUED: years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

TRUE COPY



March 23, 1961

Dear Sir:

I am alarmed at the amount of Communist influence which is shown in our government offices, our churches, and the general public.

If you have information concerning the infiltration of this "disease" of Communism which is sweeping the world would you please send some to me. I am especially interested in how it is working in the National Council of Churches and also in the student riots in San Francisco.

Sincerely,



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March 23, 1961

Dear Sir:

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If you have information concerning the infiltration of the "house" of Communism which is sweeping the world, would you please send some to me.

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National Council of Churches
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Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your cordial letter of March 22, 1961, with enclosure, and I did want you to know how much I appreciate your generous remarks about my administration of the FBI. Please accept my thanks for sending me your report, "Setting The Record Straight," which I have read with a great deal of interest.

While I do wish it were possible to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of service on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons against communism.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on communism which you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's speech 10-18-60

One Nation's Response to Communism

3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention, CPUSA

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [REDACTED] who was given an autographed copy of "Masters of Deceit," in response to Jones to DeLoach memo of 3-20-61 entitled 'Autographed Copy of "Masters of Deceit" For [REDACTED]' This was in response to a request from former ASAC Adrian Meyer, who EOD 7-6-36 and retired 7-31-60.

March 22, 1961

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

[redacted] who until last year was with your Bureau and is now an associate of mine with the [redacted] recently read a report that I made to my church study group concerning "Operation Abolition."

He felt that you would be interested in reading this report and as such I am enclosing a copy for your records.

As I am vitally interested in the subject of Anti-Communism particularly as it relates to the National Council of Churches, I would appreciate any information which is not classified that you might pass on to me in the future.

Needless to say I have nothing but admiration for the outstanding work that you have done through the years in the service of our country and it is my personal hope that you will be able to continue in your present position for many years.

Yours very truly,

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"SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT"

Not knowing how the Seminar on "The Christian Responsibility for Freedom" plans to handle the above subject; but appreciating that our aims might be somewhat different, I would like to present my own thoughts. I have set these down prior to the Seminar in order not to be influenced by any unexpected emotions.

I wish to state in advance that outside of my own personal family, the two things I hold most dear are my Country and the [redacted] Presbyterian Church. I fully appreciate in regard to the latter that I am speaking both as a member of the congregation and as an active Elder.

Prior to the charges made against the N.C.C. by the Rev. Chas. S. Poling, my primary concern had been with the political announcements on the part of the leaders of the N.C.C.

Since that time I have read Edgar C. Bundy's book, "Collectivism in the Churches." I personally feel that the weakness of this book is most of the documentation concerns a period from the early 30's to the late 40's. During this period many people recognized Russia as one of our allies and their actions should be considered in that light.

I have read the article "Communism and the National Council of Churches" which appeared in the magazine, "Eternity," and every article I could find in the local newspapers. All of which might cause a sound thinking person to wonder "who can I believe?" Incidentally, I attended every lecture presented at the "Christian Anti-Communism Crusade."

With all the written and spoken words on the subject of Communism in the last 15 years the only person I felt I could trust was J. Edgar Hoover. Apparently a good many Presidents have felt the same way. I urge everyone who is interested in our young people to write to the U. S. Government Printing Office and obtain a copy of Hoover's Report entitled "Communist Target - Youth" - re-read it several times.

I am not charging the N.C.C. of Churches of being Communistic or having Communist leanings. I am not charging anyone who is connected even remotely with the N.C.C. as being a Communist, a fellow traveler or a Communist sympathizer. I feel that they are probably all very much against Communism.

I do charge that as far as "Operation Abolition" is concerned, that the N.C.C., including its various departments, the Arizona Council of Churches, individuals connected with both Councils and all the ministers who follow the stand taken by the "Department of Religious Liberty" of the N.C.C. are knowingly or unknowingly aiding and abetting Communism in these United States of America.

The Arizona Broadcaster published by the Arizona Council of Churches dated February 8, 1961 states:

"The following is reproduced so that you may have a clear picture concerning the movie picture "Operation Abolition". It is a quote from the Religious Liberty Bulletin, Volume V, Number 2, issued December 11, 1960.

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"The purpose of the film is to convince the public that the student demonstrations (and by inference, all other demands for abolition of the Committee) were Communist inspired and Communist led."

In this particular issue of the Religious Liberty Bulletin, the editor uses quotations from "The Reporter" dated November 24, 1960 and written by Paul Jacobs to try and prove that the student demonstrations were not Communist inspired nor Communist led.

I would like to examine each of the quotations submitted by the editor of the Religious Liberty Bulletin and then present an answer to each one in the order given.

1. **"Were these student demonstrations Communist inspired and Communist led?"**

ANSWER: According to J. Edgar Hoover they were. On page 4 of his report, "Communist Target - Youth," he states:

"It is vitally important to set the record straight on the extent to which the Communists were responsible for the disgraceful and riotous conditions which prevailed during the HCUA hearings. It is vitally important that not only the students involved in that incident, but also students throughout the Nation whom Communists hope to exploit in similar situations, recognize the Communist tactics which resulted in what experienced West Coast observers familiar with Communist strategy and tactics have termed the most successful Communist coup to occur in the San Francisco area in 25 years.

The Communist attack on the HCUA in San Francisco was in the line with a longstanding party aim to destroy not only the HCUA, but also the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and every other "enemy" seeking to expose the threat which Communist activities represent to the internal security of this Nation."

2. **"The film itself opens without any of the usual credits."**

ANSWER: When the various members of the Committee were introduced in the film there was no question in my mind as to who was putting on the film.

3. **"Instead, Congressman Walter launches immediately into the main theme of the picture, which is to suggest that the demonstrations were Communist inspired. ...In the attempt to prove this assertion, both the narration and the way the film clips were edited deliberately distort a number of facts. For example, separate sequences have been run together....to give the impression of mob action, and the film shows students displaying defiance after police warnings, although actually the demonstration occurred at a completely different time and the police use of fire hoses on the students is justified on the basis of the claim that the students attempted to rush police barricades inside the City Hall."**

ANSWER: Almost every newspaper article in print and every movie picture we see is edited. There were errors here and it has been admitted. The important thing as far as our young people are concerned is "Was there a riot and was it Communist inspired?" Hoover says Yes to both. On page 8 of Mr. Hoover's Report he states:

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"With the tension growing, the inevitable happened. Violence flared that afternoon. One of the judges in a municipal courtroom in City Hall ordered the mob dispersed because the noise made it impossible for him to hold court. When an attempt was made to carry out the order, the crowd responded by throwing shoes and jostling the officers. An officer warned that fire hoses would have to be used if the crowd did not disperse, but the crowd, instigated by the Communists who had maneuvered themselves into strategic positions, became more unruly.

One of the demonstrators provided the spark that touched off the flame of violence. Leaping a barricade that had been erected, he grabbed an officer's night stick and began beating the officer over the head. The mob surged forward as if to storm the doors, and a Police Inspector ordered the fire hose turned on."

h. "After the riots were over, the Sheriff of San Francisco said, 'There was no act of physical aggression on the part of the students.'"

ANSWER: This is a lie and for this statement to be permitted to appear in a publication issued by the Arizona Council of Churches or under the auspices of the N.C.C. To influence the ministers in their guidance of their congregation destroys any faith I may have had in the Arizona Council of Churches or the N.C.C. It is certainly more damaging than Bundy's book entitled "Collectivism in the Churches."

The Rev. Elbert S. Morford of 15 East 1st Avenue, Mesa, Arizona, wrote to the Sheriff and asked him if he made such a statement. I have a verifax copy of the Sheriff's reply on the letterhead of "Office of The Sheriff" which states in full:

"Dear Reverend Morford:

In response to your letter, I am forwarding a copy of a recent series of articles which appeared in one of our leading daily newspapers.

I have no comment to offer in regard to the film, "Operation Abolition." As to the alleged quotations ascribed to me as to "physical aggression on the part of the students," I did not make such a statement.

Careful reading of the enclosed report will answer your questions. I hope it will be of some value to you.

signed

Very truly yours,

Matthew C. Carberry, Sheriff

5. "Sixty eight (68) students were arrested at the time of the riots..... charges were dismissed against all but one.... At that time evidence from the full film record may indicate who was really responsible for the violence on May 13th - the students or the police!"

ANS:ER: Mr. Hoover answers this on Page 3 of his report:

"Particularly unfortunate is the fact that many youth and student groups in our Nation today are totally unaware of the extent to which they can be victimized and exploited by the Communists. The sad proof of this fact was nowhere more apparent than in municipal court in San Francisco on June 1, 1960, when Judge Albert A. Axelrod dismissed riot charges against 62 of the persons arrested as a result of the mob violence which erupted during demonstrations protesting the hearings held in that city by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), May 12-14, 1960.

The judge pointed out that there were ample grounds for conviction in the cases involving the 62 defendants, most of whom were college students, but he added that the defendants were, for the most part, 'clean-cut American college students' who could well be haunted for the rest of their lives by the stigma which a conviction would attach to them."

Let us again look at the subject Bulletin. It carries the following paragraph: "NOTE: The Religious Liberty Bulletin is a newsletter of the Department of Religious Liberty of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. It is designed to furnish factual and up-to-date information on current events with implications for religious liberty, civil liberty, church-state and inter-faith relations." This paragraph continues on in effect that nothing here is to be construed as reflecting the attitudes or position of the N.C.C....reporting and interpretation are wholly the responsibility of the editor.

It must be very disturbing to 122 ministers in the Valley of the Sun when they realize that they indicated their approval of the operating procedures of the N.C.C. by signing "We Believe," only to learn that one of the Department's of the N.C.C. used lies to indicate the stand that they should take in regards to "Operation Abolition."

The leaders of the N.C.C. can still point with pride to the fact that the N.C.C. is "Lilly White" but they and their operating procedures certainly pulled the rug out from under 122 ministers in this area.

In the same Bulletin under the heading "Freedom of Association" we find this quotation by the editor:

"To judge by the mail that reaches this office, there is presently more peril in the authentic mission of the church from perversion by ardent "anti-Communists" (like me) than by the few (10,000 - 15,000) remaining Communists (in this country).

I personally wonder if the editor of this Bulletin ever heard of the 600 Million Chinese that our Country turned over to the "agrarian reformers." I wonder if he ever heard of the Rape of Tibet, the Rebellion in Hungary, the occupation of Albania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and the Ukraine..... I just wonder.

When I saw "Operation Abolition" and the scene in the Court Room with the student and the Communists singing the Star Spangled Banner with all the contempt they could get in their voices, my thoughts went back to World War II. Every third man that served in our Submarines during World War II was killed in action. I watched nearly one hundred prisoners of war die. Did these men die just to permit a group to ridicule our Star Spangled Banner?

Why can't our religious leaders stop their play on words and get down to the facts of life. The Communists are fighting for keeps.

During the recent Anti-Communism School, Capt. E. R. Barnes, U. S. Navy Retired, an ordained Methodist Minister, stated "The ministers of this country should be the ones to lead this Anti-Communist Crusade" • instead of fighting it.

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April 3, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 23, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. I am returning the self-addressed, stamped envelope you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**Correspondent's enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope
God and Country or Communism?**

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion

One Nation's Response to Communism

**NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.
Enclosure was a self-addressed, stamped envelope which could
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March 23, 1961

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**The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of
Investigation,
Washington D. C.**

Dear Mr. Hoover,

One hears ^o *national* so much about the Council of Churches with regard to subversive activities, yet in Church Circles money is voted to be sent to this organization.

That happened at a meeting of Presbyterian Women tonight.

I am a member of [REDACTED] Chapter D. A. R. and of the Auxillary of [REDACTED] Post, American Legion in [REDACTED] - Some years ago both my [REDACTED] were commanders of this post.

My husband is in Arlington Cemetery, and my brother has had nurses round the clock for three and a half years.

Please pardon the personal reference which may let you see I am truly concerned, so am appealing from information from the best authority possible.

Sincerely yours

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[REDACTED]

100-50869-587

March 31, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 22, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information contained in our files is confidential and available only for official use due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- God and Country or Communism
- Communist Target--Youth
- Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion
- 17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
- Christianity Today Series

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NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory regarding [REDACTED] and limited cordial correspondence. The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. NCCC was formerly known as the Federal Council of Churches. It has been brought to the Bureau's attention that several individuals associated with revision of the Bible have been connected with communist front groups.

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March 22 - 1961

Mr J Edgar Hoover
Washington 25
D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

We hear a great deal these days about communists in the Federal Counsel of Churches. Is there a chance for me to be enlightened on this matter? Who is George Stevenson? Was he one of the men employed on the work of the (New Bible) Standard Revised Version? I am a christian and belong to the German Branch of The Congregational Church. Are there any of the Heads of the Congregational Church Red?

We had quite a fuss in Seattle about the Film strip Communism on the Map. Ninety Two (92) professors protested against it. Could I get a list of these men. I hope I can make good use of the list.

I certainly want to say thank you Mr. Hoover for the wonderful job you are doing. We need you.

Sincerely -

/s/ [Redacted]

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March 31, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated March 16, 1961, with its kind comments, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you desire.

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In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am enclosing some literature which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has not been investigated by this Bureau. We have kept abreast of efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate it through our over-all investigation of the CPUSA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the CP. (100-50869)

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The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
2. "Communist Target-Youth"
3. "The Communists Are After Our Minds"
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"

Correspondent did not furnish sufficient identifying data concerning the "N.R.T." to be able to locate any references to it in our files.

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Mar. 16, 1961

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|| I need a letter from you so I can sell it to my friends.

|| Also material to prove that Communists are in N. R. T. and in colleges.

We want proof so we can start high school classes against Communism.

Thanks for the work u are doing.

Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]

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March 30, 1961

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Your letter of March 22, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- Communist Target--Youth
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- 19th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Intro.
- One Nation's Response To Communism

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March 22, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

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would like to know if you have any material to this effect
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Sincerely Yours,

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March 30, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on March 24, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Dear Sir;

I am writing to you about an issue that has been of some concern to me and also to a great many others in our church. I am a Sunday School teacher and the clerk of our church but I am writing in no official capacity. The question is this, "Are some of the high officials of the National Council of Churches. Communists?" I have read quite a bit of literature put out by religious groups in our country, claiming this is so. But it is notable in their literature that they are constantly criticizing and never see any good. This makes you suspicious of this type of person.

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I do know this. That whether the charge is true or false it is weakening our churches, which would probably please the Communists. In our own local church we are a Congregational Christian Church (the Congregational Christian & Evangelical Reform are in the process of uniting to be the United Church of Christ), our denomination is a part of the N. C. of C. In the last two years 3 people have withdrawn their membership from our church because of this affiliation. There has been much controversy about this. I know a minister who resigned from a church less than five miles from here and I was told this was one of the reasons. Ten miles away a church was split in two and the minister resigned & left the denomination. The fact that they were a member of the National Council of Churches was a vital issue in this fight.

And so I feel it would be better for the churches and for the country if this could be proven one way or another. I have asked the "little people" and not been satisfied with their answers and so I ask you, Mr. Hoover. I personally do not approve all the things the National Council of Churches does. I feel they would be doing more of a service to God and mankind if they would spend more time converting people and spreading the gospel and less time delving into things of a political nature. But the real question is, "Are they Communists?" That is the question I am asking you.

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Yours truly,

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Thursday, 23 March 1961

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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN
Madison, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

In a letter from a local minister which was published in the March 21st edition of our Lebanon Daily News of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, reference was made to the printed results of your investigation of Communist affiliations by members of the National Council of Churches.

According to Reverend George H. Riffert, of 1516 Oak Street, Annville, Pennsylvania.....the writer of the article.....the title of your publication was "HOW RED IS THE N (F) CC?". The Reverend reports that your accusation of 410 connections with Communistic Front Organizations by 50 NCC members has NOT been denied by those whom your report disclosed.

Is this publication in print? Is at least one copy available? If not, where can current information of this type be secured?

As one who has been entrusted with proper guidance of a segment of our youth, both in public education as well as in the Scouting movement and in church work, I personally wish to be better informed on this critical subject. It is true that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover produced a masterpiece in his MASTERS OF DECEIT, but even this marvellous piece of research is limited in the detailed data one at times desires. How can the average citizen accurately know which are red-tinted front organizations, as differing from basically good organizations beginning to suffer under Communist infiltration?

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A copy of this letter-request for information is being forwarded to Mr. Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington 25, DC, in the hope that their files of available literature will give some possible help.

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Thank you for any materials and/or information.

Sincerely,

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March 29, 1961

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Enclosed is material which is available for general distribution on the subject of communism. There is no charge for any material the FBI is privileged to distribute; therefore, the check you forwarded is being returned.

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MAR 29 1961
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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① The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ "NCCC", but we have kept abreast of the activities of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear that the Communist Party, USA, dictates the policies of the NCCC today.

March 22, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
C/O Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Although the writer is signing this letter personally, we are writing this for our entire family of five, in hopes of obtaining some information and answers to certain questions that have been troubling us.

In the first place, let me state that our family is a religious family, being active in the local [redacted] Presbyterian Church and also we are strongly anti-communist. The writer feels so strongly in this latter connection, that he takes the position that anyone or any organization that knowingly or unknowingly takes a position that corresponds with the "Communist Party line", is actually aiding or abetting the enemy, (which the Communist Party is and not merely, a political party).

In addition to the above we have become interested in Dr. Billy James Hargis and his program known as Christian Crusade.

Our questions are as follows:

- (1) Do you feel that programs such as Christian Crusade and Dr. Billy James Hargis are helping in the fight against Communist infiltration and that they do an effective job in arousing people to the danger and presence of Communism in our midst?
- (2) Are there any official government documents or reports that show actual Communist "leanings" or Communist front organization connections on the part of the National Council of Churches or their officers?

In this latter connection, the point is that if there is any proof of things mentioned in Question 2, we deeply resent the fact that through our local church some of our money is actually going to the support of such an organization.

We realize that asking for a personal answer to the above may be an imposition on you, but if this is at-all possible it will be sincerely appreciated by a family that is deeply concerned about this entire matter.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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In closing may we add, keep up the good work of searching out and exposing to the public eye those who seek to undermine this country through subversive methods, activities, and organizations.

Yours very truly,

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P. S. We enclose \$1.00 which we hope will defray the cost of any reports or documents in connection with the above that are available to the public.

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March 28, 1961

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[Redacted address block]

Dear [Redacted name]

Your letter of March 21, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous comments set forth therein.

In answer to your inquiry concerning the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, the Committee has as one of its primary responsibilities the recommending of appropriate legislation regarding subversive activities to the United States Congress, and I have always felt that this Committee makes a contribution in its public disclosure of the forces that menace America. Its efforts in behalf of our country naturally represent the reason why the venom of the American communist has been directed against it, as well as against the FBI.

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This Bureau had no connection with the preparation of the Committee's film, "Operation Abolition." As a matter of policy, I am unable, therefore, to make any comment concerning it. May I suggest you direct your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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Since this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations of organizations, publications or individuals, I cannot be of assistance with regard to the specific organization you mentioned; however, I am enclosing a copy of

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my statement before the Committee dated March 26, 1947, which touches on communist infiltration of our churches. You may also desire to consult pages 324 through 326 of my book, "Masters of Deceit," which deal with this subject in more detail. Additional material on the menace of communism is also enclosed which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Director's Statement of 3-26-47
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth
One Nation's Response to Communism
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: No information identifiable with [REDACTED] was located in Bufiles. The National Council of Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have, however, kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigation of the Communist Party. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869) as of 3-7-61.

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March 21, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This being my first word of correspondence to you, permit me first of all to express my admiration for you and your splendid work as Director of the FBI. I have frequently quoted press releases of yours in connection with sermons on juvenile delinquency and related matters and have been grateful for your support of the Sunday School and of Christian teachings and ideals in general.

I am writing at this time to say that at the next meeting of the Presbytery of Los Angeles, in early May, a time is to be docketed for a discussion of "The Presbyterian Church and Communism," when at least the House Committee on Un-American Activities and their film, "Operation Abolition", will come under fire from certain ministerial quarters.

Personally, I am strongly in favor of the HCUA, and I have shown the film, "Operation Abolition" in my church on a Sunday night last month, as a part of a brief series intended to inform and arouse our people about the communist threat to our Church and Nation. I want to be able to defend the HCUA and the film with all the unimpeachable evidence I can obtain, and therefore, sir, I am writing you to ask for the following information, if you can supply it:

1. Your judgment regarding the importance and value of the HCUA in our battle against communism in America.
2. Your judgment regarding the accuracy and integrity of the film, "Operation Abolition." (I believe I have read your statement to the effect that the SF "student riots" were communist-inspired and -directed.) Is it your considered judgment that the film gives a true account of what took place and was not, as charged, "distorted", "slanted", or otherwise doctored up to deceive the viewers?
3. Has the FBI released in printed form any material, which you can send me, regarding communist infiltration of churches in America? Or the National Council of Churches? (I am wondering why the Board of Directors of the NCC, meeting in Syracuse recently, would caution the churches against showing the film, "Operation Abolition," without explanatory comments, evidently designed to take the edge off the impact of the film.)

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Thank you for your reply to my letter, which I shall deeply appreciate.

Very truly yours, [Redacted] Pastor

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 19, 1961, with enclosure, has been received.

I do appreciate your furnishing me with a copy of your letter to Congressman Walter, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing several items with respect to the menace of communism which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- Director's 10-18-60 speech
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- 3-1-60 LEB Intro & 17th Nat'l Convention
- Christianity Today Series
- One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. The National Council of Churches for a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by communists. Bureau has never conducted an investigation but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the-

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Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the National Council of Churches today.



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March 19, 1961

Hon. Francis E. Walter
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your continued efforts to keep our Nation free by seeking out those that would destroy us.

I have been upset by the many attacks on the reports to the people, primarily the film, on "Operation Abolition". Of these attacks the ones by the National Council of Churches and the Christian Century strike close to home. My own church supports the National Council and several of our local ministers are influenced by the Christian Century.

Can you enlighten me on reasons that these strong Christian groups take a stand that appears to be almost pro-communist, when they might appraise the facts, particularly the Hoover report on the matter, and take a stand to help protect our youth?

I know that that is a loaded question. I am interested in knowing the truth in the matter.

Respectfully,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching a copy of a letter that I am sending to
Congressman Francis E. Walter.

I feel strongly that all God-fearing men must rise up to
meet the Communist threat. If an organization as big and
as strong as the National Council of Churches does not
take a clear Anti-Communist stand, the task will certainly
be more difficult.

Can you give me or lead me to information that will help me
to understand this particular issue.

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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COMMUNIST PARTY INFILTRATION
OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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On 3/21/61, [redacted] Pottstown, Pa., advised that on Monday evening, 3/20/61, Reverend ~~JOHN DZIRNIS~~, Pastor of the Central Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, Pa., spoke on "The Communist Threat" at a meeting of the United Lutheran Churchmen at St. John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Main Street, South Pottstown, Chester County, Pa.

DZIRNIS, a Latvian, claimed he spent a year under Communist domination during World War II in Latvia and became acquainted with the Communist policies and their plans. He reportedly praised the film, "Operation Abolition" sponsored by the Un-American Activities Committee and said the 69 clergymen who were among the 629 persons who recently signed a petition in the Washington Post calling for the end of the Un-American Activities Committee were fools and he was "ashamed" to call them clergymen. He added that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated with

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Communist spies and the Presbyterian ministers from Philadelphia who recently circulated a petition for the release of JACK SOBEL, an atomic spy, (this reference is apparently to MORTON SOBELL) are "fool left-wingers" and putty in the hands of the Communists. He made a remark that a Communist puppet government has already been formed in Pottstown and is just waiting to take over.

He said the Communists are using the same scheme in Cuba and other countries as they used in Latvia in the early 1940s; that is, they first move into the country as a friend in time of need, then take over complete control of the country.

██████████ stated that because of the nature of the Reverend's remarks and the fact that he charged that other ministers in the area are being duped and were allowing Communists to enter the National Council of Churches, many local ministers are reacting adversely to his remarks and are going to possibly request that he be more specific in his statements. ██████████ also added that the "Pottstown Mercury," a local newspaper, thrives on this type of news and will undoubtedly highly publicize the controversy.

On 3/21/61, ██████████ "Pottstown Mercury" telephonically contacted this office and advised that Reverend DZIRNIS in his remarks stated "The Communists have established a puppet government in Pottstown and the puppet government is ready to take over Pottstown when given the word" and also "the National Council of Churches is infiltrated with Communists and Communist spies."

██████████ stated he was calling to determine whether or not the FBI had information to refute the remarks of Reverend DZIRNIS.

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ASAC MURDO J. SMITH advised [redacted] that the files of the FBI were confidential and available only for official use, and further that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency which does not draw conclusions or make evaluation as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual. He was further told that from the above he should not infer that the FBI does or does not have information to refute the statements of Reverend DZIRNIS.

No active investigation is being conducted in this matter but it will be followed and further pertinent information will be furnished.

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Special Agent in Charge

March 24, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 16, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

I am enclosing material available for general distribution on the subject of communism, together with a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. There is no charge for any material we are privileged to distribute.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

- AG List of Subversive Organizations
- Communist Party, USA
- Where do we stand today with communism in the U.S?
- How to Fight Communism
- 17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB

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Correspondent wrote to the Director in 1960 regarding communism and her letter was cordially acknowledged on 12-21-60. [REDACTED] per prior correspondence.

The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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March 16, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
c/o FBI.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me the information you may have on the John Birch Society. Is this a "Communist Front" organization? If so, I want to know. There has been some Degatory remarks made about this society. If you have made a report on this please send it to me at once.

If you have a list of the "Communist Front" Organizations, please send me this list and also any information you can of the Communist Infiltration of the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

P. S.

Mr. Hoover, if there is any charge for these reports, please let me know, as I have no idea of the cost of the printing.

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March 16, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me the information you may have on the John Birch Society. Is this a "Communist Front" organization? Yes, I want to know. How has been some derogatory remarks made about this society. If you have made a report on this please submit to me at once.

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If you have a list of "The Communist Front"

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 16, 1961, and I can well understand that as a [REDACTED] you are seriously concerned with the matter which prompted your inquiry.

The film "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As you are undoubtedly aware, as a matter of policy, I am unable to make any comment concerning it. You may wish to direct your inquiry in this regard to the Committee which is located in Room 25, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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The FBI has prepared a detailed account of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party, USA in the California demonstrations. I am enclosing a copy in order that you may have full background in this matter. An analysis of this report will show that its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat and armed with that understanding, to resist being duped into unlawful or unthinking action.

I have made no statements with regard to the remaining matters of your inquiry, and I am, therefore, unable to furnish you with any material in this regard. I know you will understand my position in this matter.

Thank you for your thoughtful good wishes, and I trust that my associates and I will continue to merit your confidence.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED] The National Council of Churches of Christ to which he alludes for a number of years has been alleged by a number of people, including some clergymen, to have been infiltrated by communists. We have never conducted an investigation of it but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. [REDACTED]

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March 16, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a [redacted] I am often consulted with respect to matters involving the threat of Communism to our nation and the world. I make no pretense of being an expert on the subject, but I did, of course, have some exposure to it while I was in the Bureau, and I have a continuing interest in it.

As you well know, there is currently a lot of interest locally as well as nationally regarding (1) the alleged Communistic infiltration of the National Council of Churches and (2) the film "Operation Abolition." The possibility of such infiltration into church organizations and into our educational institutions is well recognized. Some of the controversial figures of the National Council of Churches are connected with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, my church. The National Council of Churches has asked certain questions of Congress concerning the "Abolition" film. This leaves the average citizen, which includes me, bewildered about these matters. We share complete confidence in the Bureau and thus, perhaps, we need not have any grave concern over these matters.

You have been quoted, and perhaps misquoted, many times by those who have taken it upon themselves to try to convince others as to their own conclusions based upon what they have read about these matters. People who fall into this category are prone to accept as "factual" anything they read which tends to be sensational or which agrees with a conclusion they have already reached. This type of people are perhaps well-intentioned but usually have no real facts upon which to base their thinking.

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If you have made any public statements with regard to (1) the National Council of Churches, (2) the film "Operation Abolition," or (3) the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., I would like to be furnished a copy of your remarks. I would not expect you to make any statements in reply to this letter which you have not already made publicly.

With continued best wishes for your personal health, welfare and happiness, I am

Yours very truly,

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter postmarked March 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Director's Speech 10-18-60

How To Beat Communism

One Nation's Response to Communism

Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC), but we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regards to any information you might have on Communist organizations, fronts, magazines, etc.

In [REDACTED], Texas, my home town, there has been quiet a disturbance between the John Birtch Society and the churches that belong to the National Council of Churches of Christ. Could you give me any information on these

two organizations. My church affiliation is with the Lutheran Church, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which is not affiliated with the N. C. C. Is it true that you or the House Un-American Activies Committee have files on some of the memebers of the N. C. C. listed as affiliated with Communists organizations? If so, could you give me the list.

I would appreciate any information about the Communists tactics and what to do and watch out for to help America in this war against Communism.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 16, 1961, and I appreciate your cordial remarks about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

While I do wish it were possible to be of assistance to you in connection with your inquiries, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave menace posed by communism, and it is most encouraging to learn of your desire to be of assistance. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations constitute one of our most effective weapons against communism.

In view of your concern, I am forwarding, under separate cover, several items on the subject of communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

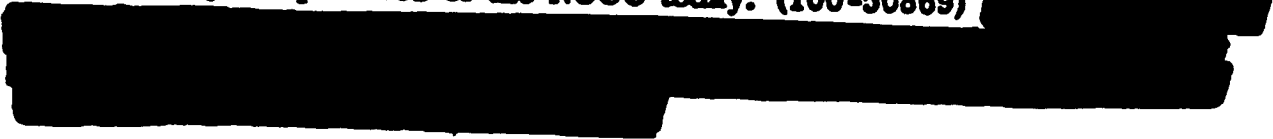
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Director's Speech 10-18-60

Communist Target--Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, F.B.I.
 Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been asked to give a talk to a local Women's Club on April 14, concerning "Communist Infiltration in The Churches", and the dangers of communism in general in the United States. I wrote to Congressman Page Belcher of Oklahoma in Washington and he sent me the Congressional record on the hearings of the HCUA concerning the National Council of Churches vis-vis the Air Force Manual controversy.

In that connection, the [redacted] Unit of Pro-America, of which I am [redacted] in conjunction with The American Legion, last week held a showing here in [redacted] of the film "Operation Abolition". Since then, I received a very critical letter from a local minister, denouncing the film, asserting it to be "doctored, misleading" and doing more harm than good to combat communism.

I have read and studied quite a bit on communism in the U.S., including your book "Masters of Deceit", which I found very enlightening and informative. I'm wholly in accord with the work of the HCUA, which this minister and

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others here deride and criticize. I'm trying to keep myself well-informed, and I can't see how I could be so "naive", as the minister called me and the Pro-America unit, just because we happen to believe in the work of the F.B.I. and the HCUA.

I wish to do my patriotic duty as a citizen to combat communism in my small way, but I want to be sure I am going about it in the right way. And I certainly do not wish to inflict my beliefs on anyone, without first being sure of the facts.

Could you please give me the facts as to the validity of the accusations against the National Council of Churches made in the Air Force Manual? In the Congressional Record the Honorable Donald L. Jackson states they have not been disproved, and gives the clear indication that they are true. Do you think I have any reason to doubt Congressmen Jackson, F.E. Walter, G.H. Scherer and the other gentlemen in the HCUA? Also, I'm most anxious to know if I can rely on the publications printed by The Circuit Riders and The Christian Crusade? Are they truly fighting communism in a legal and orthodox manner? Are they presenting facts? In other words do you approve of these publications?

Please excuse this letter for being so lengthy, and I trust you can find the time to give me some straightforward answers to my inquiries.

Thanking you very much, I am,

Sincerely,



EX-114
100-50869-573

March 15, 1961

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, may I advise that I have not issued such a statement. I have pointed out repeatedly and in general terms that all America should guard against communist infiltration in many fields including that of religion. Joining with various groups and then either twisting them to their own purposes or rendering them impotent through discord are basic maneuvers of the Communist Party.

Enclosed is related material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (14)
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
Director's Statement before HCUA 3-26-47
17th National Convention of CP, USA and LEB Introduction of 3-60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
The Communists Are After Our Minds
How To Fight Communism
Communist Party, USA
Struggle on a New Plane
God and Country or Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
One Nation's Response to Communism

March 8, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

National Council of Churches

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In attempting to form a council of churches here in our city and relating that council to the state and national councils we have been told that the F. B. I. feels there are a number of communist fellow-travelers among the leadership of the national council.

I have read with delight your articles in "Christianity Today" of the dates of May 26, 1958, June 22, 1959 and November 7, 1960. However, I have seen no criticism of the national council in these articles.

Would you be kind enough to let me know as soon as possible whether or not there is anything significant to the statement that the F.B.I. feels there are fellow-travelers and sympathizers among the clergy who lead the National Council of Churches?

Sincerely yours,

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March 15, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (6)
- 17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
- Communist Party, USA
- Director's Speech of 10-18-60
- The Communists Are After Our Minds
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Apparently [REDACTED] is the writer of attached letter, and he merely used his family sticker for return address. [REDACTED]

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F.B.I.

Dear Mr Hoover:

*National Council of Churches
of Christ in America*

I have been hearing and some about what is going on in our National Council of Churches. Most of the churches here give to this Council but I can't seem to make any one listen. I would like to have your personal letter as to whether you would recommend me (I can't answer for any one else) giving any money to an organization belonging to this Councils.

Thank you for any information you can give.

Your Brother in Christ

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Dear Mr Hoover:

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Thank you for any information you can give.

and your brother in Christ



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MARCH 14, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to your letter of March 10, 1961, please be advised that by order of the United States Department of Justice the FBI cannot make available any information contained in its files to other than agencies within the Executive Branch of the United States Government.

You should not, however, infer that we do or do not have information concerning the subject matter of your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Santoliana, Jr.
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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] letter made reference to the National Council of Churches and he advised that his local church (unidentified) in Tampa is engaged in a study of charges which have been made that the aforesaid group is infiltrated with Communist activity and communistic individuals. He wanted to know whether the FBI had made an independent study of this group and if so, he wanted whatever reports or materials we might have in reference to it.

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March 10, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on March 6, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

The FBI does not issue a list such as you mentioned. You can secure a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. You may also be interested in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." Although this publication is currently out of print, you may be able to obtain a copy from your local library.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Infiltration of this organization and in view of the controversial nature of it, it is believed the above answer should be sent. Replies of this nature have been utilized in the past.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC today.

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February 29, 1961

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Department on Subversive Activities
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention:

Recently I have heard that either the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches is a subversive organization. Would you please let me know which of these is left-wing.

It has occurred that many of us are making contributions to organizations with worthy sounding names which in reality are promoting communism and other unworthy causes, simply because we did not check into the background of the organization. I would like to have a list of all such organizations so that in the future I will not be guilty of this grave error.

Any charge for this service will be remitted as billed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear ██████████

Your letter postmarked February 27, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Party, USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds
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Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Dept of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

On Feb 24, 1961 our local paper: "The Lafayette Journal and Courier" carried an Associated Press story to the effect that the National Council of Churches was circulating an advisory to churches across the country not to show the film: "Operation Abolition" of Christ

I am in a local anti-communist study group which has shown this film. I believe that the communist international conspiracy will do everything it can to discredit it.

To me the truth and validity of this film are obvious.

So as to counter the National Council of Churches' advisory I would like to know whether this organization has ever been listed as a subversive organization. Do you have any public information which could help us?

Very truly yours

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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Very truly yours

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Council Hits Film

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP)—Protestant and orthodox leaders Friday prepared an advisory to churches across the country not to show the widely circulated film, "Operation Abolition," without presenting supplementary facts about it.

The step was authorized by the National Council of Churches, which voiced misgivings about the fairness of the film.

It deals with student demonstrations in protest against hearings of the House committee on un-American activities in San Francisco last spring, and depicts the demonstrations as Communist-led.

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March 13, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 1, 1961, and appreciate your kind comments concerning the work of the FBI.

Although I would like to be able to assist you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. From this I hope you will not infer that either we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your letter.

In view of your interest in the subject of communism I am enclosing several items which express my views on this topic. Your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit," is gratifying, and although I have no objection to your reproduction of it, I would suggest that you communicate with the publishers, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, for additional authority.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today" (SEE NOTE NEXT PAGE)

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The National Council of Churches for a number of years has been the subject of allegations by a number of people to the effect that it has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of this organization we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA dictates the policies of the NCCC today.

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March 1, 1961

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

I have in hand your book Masters of Deceit. From the condensed copy, I am having printed copies to distribute around Amarillo.

I am anxious to know anything you can give me about the National Council of Churches. Also any information you may have on Carl McIntire and Dr. Edwin T. Dalhberg.

Is it possible for you to tell me why nothing has been done about Harry Bridges since the incident in San Francisco. Why our government allows these things to continue is beyond comprehension.

Thank you and your office for the fine job you have done.

Yours truly,

/s/ [Redacted Signature]

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 Washington 25, D.C.

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Yours truly,

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March 9, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Enclosures (7) re H.H.V.:
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- One Nation's Response to Communism
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
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NOTE: No record was located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the Communist Party, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

March 2, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am the minister of a congregation of Christians that is concerned about communism in every place and way. We desire to be reasonable and as certain as possible about this threat.

Would you please advise me of your information concerning the communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches in so far as possible and permissible.

Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated February 24, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am forwarding some literature which may be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent. Correspondent advises she would like some information about the communist infiltration into the churches, particularly the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). She also requests information about Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Dr. Harry F. Ward and Dr. Edwin Theodore Dahlberg. In addition, correspondent would like to know how to fight the "spread of communism."

The NCCC has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the CP to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the CP. (100-50869)

It is believed that the material being forwarded to correspondent will answer her question as to how to fight communism. The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent: (1) "Communist Target - Youth," (2) "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America," (3) "One Nation's Response to Communism," (4) "Breaking the Communist Spell," (5) "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

February 24, 1961

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in getting some information on the communist infiltration in our churches-especially the National Council of Churches of Christ. Do you have any information on or concerning Dr. E Stanley Jones, Dr. Harry R. Ward or Dr. Edwin Theodore Danib erg.? I would appreciate any information you could give me on these men or any others. I would also like to have any information you have on how we can fight this spread of communism.

Thank You

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked February 27, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States and in accordance with your request, I am enclosing some literature which I trust will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent. Correspondent advises she fears for the freedom of religion because of the "Council of Churches' Drive on One World Religion." She considers the "Churches of Christ" to be "Communist inspired." She requests advice as to how to stop the "Churches of Christ" from taking her "religious freedoms away" from her and breaking down our "democratic system." She requested material "either proving or disproving her personal thoughts."

○ The National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the CP (100-50869).

The following items of literature are being forwarded to correspondent:

1. "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals"
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."

Feb. 29, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am an American Citizen and fear for the religious freedom of myself and family. Through the Council of Churches drive on one world religion, I will not only lose the Methodist Church which I cherish under a democratic nation, but fear for the United States in the locking out of the laws, the religious freedoms.

The Council of Churches which holds this deadly power is Communist inspired which duped the public into thinking our religion as a great achievement instead of the ^{REC-31} ~~use of force~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~break~~ ^{to} ~~break down~~ the democratic system by taking away our ^{2 MAR 8 1961} freedoms.

also its sole purpose to destroy religion through religion. ⁵

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Please advise me on what I can do to stop the Council of Churches from taking my religious freedoms away from me.

Any printed material on this matter either proving or disproving my personal thoughts would be greatly appreciated, as I attend the adult Sunday school class each week, and no one seems to have the same insight as I do, as to the importance of action of the American people.

We have all been so duped by T.V. newspapers movies magazines & radio etc. Communist inspired brainwash I find very hard indeed to find some one today with a true perspective.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on February 23, 1961. I understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me.

With respect to the matter you discussed in your communication, [Redacted] was employed by the FBI in the early 1940's. You understand, of course, I am in no position to comment on her activities subsequent to her resignation from this Bureau.

Regarding the question of communism, I have always firmly believed that a broad knowledge of this conspiracy's objectives and operations is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. When fully cognizant of communism's true nature, we can all share in the opportunity to combat it with the weapon it fears most - truth. Education is of strategic importance in this struggle, for a lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. I am enclosing some material on the general subject which you may find of interest. Some of these items contain suggestions as to ways opposing this evil menace, and additional copies of any of this literature are available in reasonable quantities upon request and at no cost.

I am unable to help you concerning the organization about which you inquired. The jurisdiction of the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not extend to furnishing

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evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret I cannot assist you in this connection, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the group you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's American Legion Speech
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
17th Annual CP Convention
Christianity Today Series
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [REDACTED] was employed by the Bureau as a clerk from 10-26-42 to 8-31-44 under the name of [REDACTED]. Bufiles reflect no derogatory information regarding her and she has recently contacted the Bureau expressing an interest in communism and has been sent material regarding communism. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

[REDACTED]
February 20, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Last night I sat in a meeting which disturbed me very much. I am a former school teacher, I have a daughter 12 and a son 9, and I am in the youth work at our church. I am aware of the terrible danger of communism, and I know that the communists will leave no stone unturned in their effort to infiltrate and eventually control this country. Consequently, I would like to do whatever my part is in defeating their efforts.

But, I ask myself, what is to be my specific part? Last night the group I was in was told by a [REDACTED] (who says she was at one time employed by the FBI) that the National Council of Churches had 100 leaders in it who are affiliated with Communist fronts. (I asked how many leaders were in the NCC and what ratio of undesirables this made, but she could not answer). She said that she had talked with her pastor (who even had books by Reinhold Niebuhr on his bookshelf) and had gotten nowhere. (The Moravian church is a member of the NCC and uses the Presbyterian curriculum in Sunday School).. She had a photostatic copy of an ad signed by some of these "100" against the HCUA and other such materials.

Frankly, I became concerned during the meeting because of the implication. The implication was there that the rise in juvenile delinquency might be connected with the churches belonging to the NCC and that our children were being led into communistic domination because of our contributions to this organization. (I asked if she could recommend any curriculum to give our Christian Education Committee a more positive approach, but she could not.. She has two children but is not in church youth work.) The implication was also there that her pastor and any pastor who would not immediately get on the bandwagon to remove his church from the NCC was not acting in the best interests of his people and protecting them from a communistic government.

Now, if the NCC is detrimental to the welfare of the children in the United States, our church should certainly withdraw. As a citizen of the U. S. is there any official way of finding an answer? I fear the manner which it was approached last night could lead to confusion, emotionalism innocent people being hurt, and Christian against Christian in our city. I have even wondered if the Communists wouldn't love to see such a situa among church people since Christianity is so very vital to our way of li

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I know that you are a Presbyterian and a Christian layman, for I have read articles of yours in various publications. I wondered last night as I tossed and tumbled if your particular church was a member of the WCC? I want to take the Christian stand in this matter, and I do not want to see innocent preachers and laymen hurt unnecessarily. I shall appreciate any guidance that you can give.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of February 23 and I do appreciate your expressions of confidence in the activities of the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential through a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have the specific data you requested.

I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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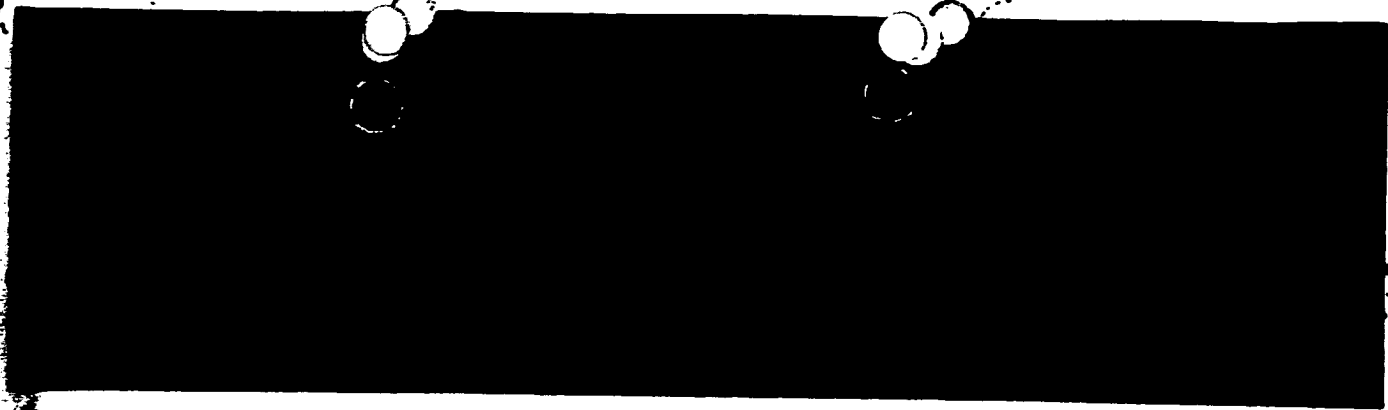
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For a number of years allegations have been made by many people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)



February, 23, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a Baptist minister and very much interested in the security of our great country. I have been reading a lot lately about communist front, and communist infiltration in the field of religion, especially among some of the National Council of Churches leaders.

Not knowing of any source that has more knowledge and authority to speak on this subject than your Bureau, I am writing and asking if you would be pleased to give any literature possible, or any personal statement that you can make in regard to this subject.

I sure do appreciate the great service that you have rendered to our wonderful country. May our God keep, bless, and protect you, and give you many more years of service.

Respectfully Yours
[Redacted]
Pastor



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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 22, 1961, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character and integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States and your request for literature concerning this subject, I am enclosing some reading material which I trust will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent.

Correspondent requested the following: whether communists are leaders in the National Council of Churches, if they had anything to do with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and whether Dr. Carl McIntire is telling the truth. Correspondent also requests some literature.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate it through our over-all investigation of the CPUSA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the CP.
(100-50869)


The following literature was sent to
correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
2. "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and
Christian Ideals."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
5. "Breaking the Communist Spell."

Feb 22. 1953

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Dear Sir,

I am writing for information. I would like to know if communists are leaders in the National Council of Churches. and did they have anything to do with the Revised Standard Bible. also I would like to know if what Dr Carl McIntire of Collingswood N.J. puts out on radio is true. I am interested to know if Communism is coming into our churches or not.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE CONTINUED: correspondent. Street address verified by telephone directory check. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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[Redacted]

February 19, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Much has been said concerning the communist influence in The National Council of Churches. Will you furnish material which I can present to my church group showing just what part the communists do have in the organization?

Our women seem very complacent and think that "one should not believe everything one hears." One dear old lady said, "I suppose if we give in the right spirit, then it is all right."

Thank you for whatever information you may send.

Sincerely,

/s/ [Redacted]

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February 19, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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then it is all right."

Thank you for whatever information
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Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 14, 1961, with its enclosure, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing information of the type you desire, and I am also unable to suggest a source from which this information may be obtained.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read. I am also returning the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent has been appointed to a church committee to make a study of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). He requests help in this study and wants the Bureau to recommend the names of any books or articles that would furnish proven facts on any communist infiltration into protestant churches and the NCCC. He also requests the Bureau's opinion on a pamphlet and a book by Edgar C. Bundy and a book by W. Richey Hogg.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent [REDACTED]

The NCCC has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
3. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
6. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
7. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Various sources have pointed their fingers at the National Council of Churches as an organization that may have "pink tendencies". I have been appointed by my General Church Board of the [redacted] to serve as a chairman of a committee to make a study of the National Council of Churches.

It is the purpose of the committee to do this research in terms of the facts and in the spirit of Truth. Could you help us in this search? Could you give us the names of books or articles that would give my committee proven facts on any communistic infiltrations in (a) protestant churches and (b) the National Council of Churches?

May I ask your opinion on the following (1) pamphlet and (2-3) books:

1. "News and Views" published monthly by National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America 1407 Hill Ave. Wheaton, Ill. Editor: Edgar C. Bundy

2. ONE WORLD, ONE MISSION by W. Richey Hogg Copyright 1960 by Friendship Press, Inc. U.S.A. (This is the book that is being used for a study-course by our women.)

3. COLLECTIVISM in the CHURCHES by Edgar C. Bundy The Church League of America Wheaton, Ill. 1960. Distributed by Devin-Adair Co. New York 10, N.Y. (This book seems to me to be attacking people and ideas in a manner that makes them appear vicious--and which seems to be unjustifiable. Am I right or wrong in this opinion?)

I will appreciate anything that you will do in aiding us in our research; we think that it is vitally important to protect our church activities against any communistic infiltrations.

Sincerely yours,

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February 28, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 20, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, we have not published a report regarding the National Council of Churches. The FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy Of Religion

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NOTE:

Bufiles indicate that [REDACTED] in 1947 forwarded a letter concerning his missing son whom he advised he later heard from. Correspondent's address could not be verified in telephone directory. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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[Redacted]
Feb. 20th, 1961

The Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director.

Dear Sir,

We understand that you have reports on
Communism in our Churches, especially the National
Council of Churches, we would like to have these reports,
will you send us some if they are available.

Thanking you,
Yours very truly

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Feb. 20th, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director.

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send us some if they are available.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly

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Gentlemen:

Your continued criticism of factual exposures of communist infiltration and propaganda methods such as brought out in the AIR FORCE MANUAL and the student riots in California is all out of perspective and most certainly places the National Council in a most untenable position.

As a captive member of the National Council, I am forced to repudiate your statements and will work to dissasociate my church, and influence others who are members of the National Council to withdraw.

I would suggest that you immediately obtain and read a copy of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's October 18, 1960 address to the National Convention of the American Legion in Miami Beach and then apologize for your statements condemning the factual film "Operation Abolition".

Claude D. Borling
CLAUDE D. BORLING
P O BOX 1202
Lake Placid, Fla.

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cc: Chairman Francis E. Walter
House Un American Activities Committee
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
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February 24, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 13, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. I am also enclosing the material which you forwarded with your communication.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent's two enclosures
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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosures were a pamphlet published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ entitled "the Truth" and a sheet entitled "The Rebellion of The People Who Pay The Bills Is On!" The second enclosure is anti-National Council of Churches. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Realizing, fully, the great responsibility that you carry and the tremendous pressure of your energies and time, I am reluctant to add to your burden. However, I am sorely troubled at what is happening in our Protestant churches that is under the domination of the National Council of Churches.

Repeated talks with our ministers came to no avail, so finally a group of us loyal Americans mailed "The Rebellion of the People who pay the bills is on!" (copy enclosed) to each member of our local Presbyterian church.

What the far reaching results of this move, we have no way of knowing as yet, however, our ministers have denied the charges that the NCC is infiltrated with Reds and one of them mailed me "The Truth" (copy enclosed) to prove that the NCC is absolutely lily-white, and that we who believe the charges are agitators and dupes of the subversives.

If you have any material regarding the infiltration of the NCC it would be greatly appreciated and most timely during these disturbing times.

Respectfully yours,

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February 24, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on February 17, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the organization you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC today.

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February 13, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Does the Federal Bureau of Investigation have any concrete evidence concerning Communist activity on the part of members of the National Council of Churches. If this information is available to the public, where can it be obtained?

I thank you in advance for your trouble.

Sincerely yours
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February 23, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 14, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data of the type you desire in our files.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
 Director's Speech before American Legion, 10/18/60
 What You Can Do To Fight Communism
 How To Beat Communism
 Series from Christianity Today (10/10 & 24 and 11/7/60)
 Communist Target--Youth
 Exposure of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: For a number of years allegations have been made by many people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CP USA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP USA and communists efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information developed that the CP USA is dictating the policies of the NCCC. (100-50869)

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Gentlemen-:

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I am particularly interested in obtaining information about our "National Council Of Churches" officers or Leaders.

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Thanking you in advance, I am

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